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When I renovated my home, I got to install a "catwalk," as I'd long yearned to. The surface is transparent tempered glass, so the view from below is outstanding.

I can behold paw pads clearly too, and have made many discoveries, like "Oh, that's how your back legs are in that pose?!"

I feel overwhelming joy simply from being able to look up at Lord Kitty from below. Cats really are loftier than people, eh.

I'm just stupidly in love with cats...

Or rather, I'm just stupid.

-Mikio Ikemoto, 2021

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STORY

The Great Ninja War that shook the world and shed much blood is now history. Naruto has become the Seventh Hokage, and the people of Konohagakure Village are enjoying peace. Yet Naruto's son Uzumaki Boruto has a glum life, perhaps due to his father's too-great influence.

But Ohtsutsuki Clan members attack, and leave a mysterious mark, the Karma, on Seventh Hokage Naruto's son Boruto…

Afterwards, Boruto happens upon a young man named Kawaki who bears the same Karma as himself. And it is he who is proven to be what Kara has been calling the Vessel.

In order to place Kawaki under his protection, Naruto moves him into his own home. Boruto and Kawaki keep butting heads, but Kawaki starts acclimating to the Village and begins to respect Naruto.

Later, Kara members Amado and Kashin Koji break off from Kara, and Amado defects to Konoha Village. With his life running out, Isshiki tries to resurrect in Kawaki's body, but the valiant efforts of Naruto and the others lead to his end. As he dies, Isshiki commands Kara's last officer, Code, to take up the Ohtsutsuki Will. Code vows to punish Boruto and the others.

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VWOOOO

NOW, NOW!

MODESTY DOES NOT BECOME YOU.

IN FACT, I WAS PASSED OUT MOST OF THE--

ER...

IT REALLY WASN'T ALL THAT, YOU KNOW.

IT WAS ***YOUR*** CLEVER-NESS THAT KEPT THE DAMAGE TO OUR VILLAGE MINIMAL, WASN'T IT?

WHICH BASICALLY MAKES YOU THE ONE WHO SAVED THE VILLAGE.

O-OH, THAT? UH, THAT'S THE...

...AND SWALLOWED THAT NOTORIOUS OHTSUTSUKI WHOLE?!

AND WHAT'S IT CALLED AGAIN?

THAT AWESOME JUTSU OF YOURS THAT SWOOPED DOWN...

I WISH THIS WERE OVER ALREADY ...

THERE ARE ACTUALLY QUITE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED IT HAPPEN!

MM...

NOT BAD AT ALL.

VWOOOO

NOT REALLY.

IT FEELS JUST LIKE MY OLD HAND.

ANY POINTS OF CONCERN THIS LAST WEEK?

HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?

AND WITHOUT ANY SIGN OF RE-JECTION...

I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO REGAIN HIS HAND SO QUICKLY.

I'M SPEECH-LESS.

THIS IS GOING TO STING A BIT.

SORRY, KAWAKI.

YOU DON'T NEED TO KEEP SAYING STUFF. JUST DO WHAT-EVER YOU NEED TO DO.

OH! S-SORRY...

YOU KNOW, I'M NOT...

...A SNOTTY-NOSED BRAT.

JUST ONE OF THE SPARE PARTS I'D MADE BEFORE COMING HERE.

OF COURSE NOT. THERE WOULDN'T BE, AS IT'S A GENUINE ARTICLE ENGINEERED FROM HIS OWN CELLS.

...AND HIS WHOLE BODY NOT A SCIEN-TIFIC NINJA TOOL.

THIS WOULDN'T BE POS-SIBLE IF HE WERE AN ORDINARY HUMAN...

ISN'T SUMIRE ONE OF DR. KATASUKE'S STAFF? WHY'S SHE WITH YOU?

WHAT'S WITH ***YOUR*** ATTITUDE, AMADO? ACTING ALL BOSSY AND HAVING AN ASSISTANT.

WE WERE ALL AT A LOSS WHEN IT CAME TO TREATING YOUR BODY.

IT'LL BE GOOD TO HAVE ANOTHER MEMBER ON YOUR CARE TEAM.

THANK YOU, KAWAKI, BUT...

...THIS IS WHAT SUMIRE HERSELF WANTED.

CAN THE ATTITUDE, KAWAKI. SHOW SOME GRATITUDE TOWARD YOUR CARE-TAKER.

I'LL BE IN A WORLD OF TROUBLE IF YOU CHASE HER OFF.

SUMIRE'S BRILLIANT, AND A QUICK LEARNER.

...YOU CAN REST ASSURED FROM HERE ON OUT.

O-OF COURSE, AVOIDING INJURY WOULD HELP TOO...

I STILL ONLY KNOW THE BASICS, BUT...

...

DO YOU LIKE BORUTO OR SOME-THING?

WAIT A SEC.

BA-DMP

SO I CAN ASK YOU ABOUT HIM TOO.

B-BESIDES ...

YOU'RE ALWAYS HANGING OUT WITH BORUTO.

AHA HA.

THOUGH IT'S SO VERY OBVIOUS.

FLUSH

L-LET'S KEEP IT OUR LITTLE SECRET, OKAY?!

A-AWW, KAWAKI!!

D-DON'T SAY IT SO BLUNTLY!!

BUT DON'T SHIRK THE ROUTINE MAIN-TENANCE.

COME BACK NEXT WEEK.

EX-CELLENT PROGRESS.

I DON'T ANTICIPATE ANY BIG PROBLEMS WITH YOUR HAND.

...SO LONG AS YOU'RE ABLE TO DO YOUR JOB.

WHAT-EVER. IT'S NO MATTER TO ME...

CAN I GO NOW?

YEAH.

...

...

...

NO, NEVER MIND.

LET'S DO IT NEXT TIME.

KAWAKI ...

...

?

WHAT-EVER.

WOO

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

UH...

AW, SHUCKS...

HA HA...

EVERY-ONE...

UNFORTU-NATELY, IT APPEARS WE ARE OUT OF TIME.

PLEASE GIVE ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE ...

...TO THE TINY BUT MIGHTY HERO WHO SAVED OUR VILLAGE... ***UZUMAKI BORUTO***!!

GEEZ, REALLY, BORUTO?

ACTING ALL MOON-STRUCK...

IRK

...

HE'S PUTTING ON A BRAVE FACE, BUT HE'S MORE DEPRES-SED THAN ANY OF US.

WIFE

WOO

CUT HIM SOME SLACK, SARADA.

HE'S BEING SECRETLY WATCHED AROUND THE CLOCK.

PRETTY UNBEAR-ABLE, IF YOU ASK ME.

THEY'RE KEEPING THE STUFF ABOUT KARMA AND HIS RAMPAGE UNDER WRAPS TO AVOID CAUSING MASS PANIC.

AND HE CAN'T GO ON MISSIONS BECAUSE IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.

COULD THIS HERO TREATMENT AND PARADING HIM IN FRONT OF THE MEDIA BE HIS WAY OF MAKING IT UP TO HIM?

IT'S SO INSULTING.

YEAH, THAT WAS MY DAD'S DECISION.

SO TEAM SEVEN IS ON IN-DEFINITE HIATUS.

YEAH, BUT THE NO-MISSIONS RULE IS APPLYING TO US TOO.

WE DON'T HAVE A THREE-MAN CELL WITHOUT HIM.

DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'M NOT BLAMING BORUTO OR ANY-THING, BUT...

...IT'S JUST HARD TO COME TO GRIPS WITH, THAT'S ALL.

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NEXT...?

HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING IN THIS COMPANY?

THIS IS WHY, CHUBS...

UH...

HOW? WHY?

TO NOT HAVE TO GO ON A MISSION AND BE ON TV INSTEAD, ROCKS!

WHAT'S MY WEIGHT GOT TO DO WITH IT?!

GRP

WHA ?!

...

ONE WOULD HOPE...

MAYBE MASTER SHIKA-MARU HAS AN IDEA OR TWO?

WELL, AT LEAST IN REGARDS TO BORUTO'S KARMA, THEY CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND AND DO NOTHING.

THEY'RE GONNA NEED TO BE PROACTIVE.

VWOOOO

LOOK! IT'S BORUTO!

HE'S *SO* CUTE!

...

SSH

OOPS.

FSH

SHUP

THIS WHOLE CELEBRI-TY THING.

WHAT A HUGE BOTHER...

...

WHAT?

GO AWAY IF YOU'RE JUST GONNA POKE FUN AT ME.

I'M SURPRISED.

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE A BIT MORE GLUM.

AND FOR YOU IN PARTICULAR...

THE OHTSUTSUKI DATA IS STILL CONTINUING TO EXTRACT ITSELF FROM YOUR KARMA.

BASED ON WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR...

...BOTH OF OUR BODIES ARE ABOUT 80 PERCENT OHTSUTSUKI-FIED ALREADY.

NAH. I WAS OVER IT A LONG TIME AGO.

ABOUT KARMA?

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACT OR WHAT I SHOULD BE TRYING TO DO ABOUT IT.

IT'S JUST ...

...YOU, BORUTO, WILL DISAPPEAR SOMEWHERE...

...AND THAT BASTARD WILL SUPPOSEDLY RESURRECT IN YOUR BODY.

AND WHEN THAT'S COMPLETED...

...THE MOMENT YOU'VE FINISHED BECOMING MOMOSHIKI'S VESSEL...

IT REALLY SUCKS.

I FEEL LIKE I'M STUCK IN A NIGHTMARE.

...

I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING...

...THAT YOU COULD TRY DOING...

WHY NOT PREPARE YOUR OWN VESSEL?

BY GIVING SOMEONE ELSE A KARMA.

...VESSEL?

MY *OWN*...

...IF YOU HAD YOUR OWN VESSEL SOME-WHERE...

...MAYBE YOU COULD ALSO USE IT TO REINCARNATE?

MIND YOU, THIS IS ONLY A HYPOTHESIS THAT I JUST CAME UP WITH, BUT...

...IF MOMOSHIKI RESURRECTS AND YOU END UP DISAP-PEARING...

...THAT MEANS I HAVE TO SACRIFICE SOMEONE ELSE, RIGHT?!

NO WAY, MAN!

BE-SIDES...

...IF I'M GONNA GIVE KARMA AND MAKE A VESSEL...

!

THAT'S ONE CRAZY THEORY!

HIS NAME IS CODE.

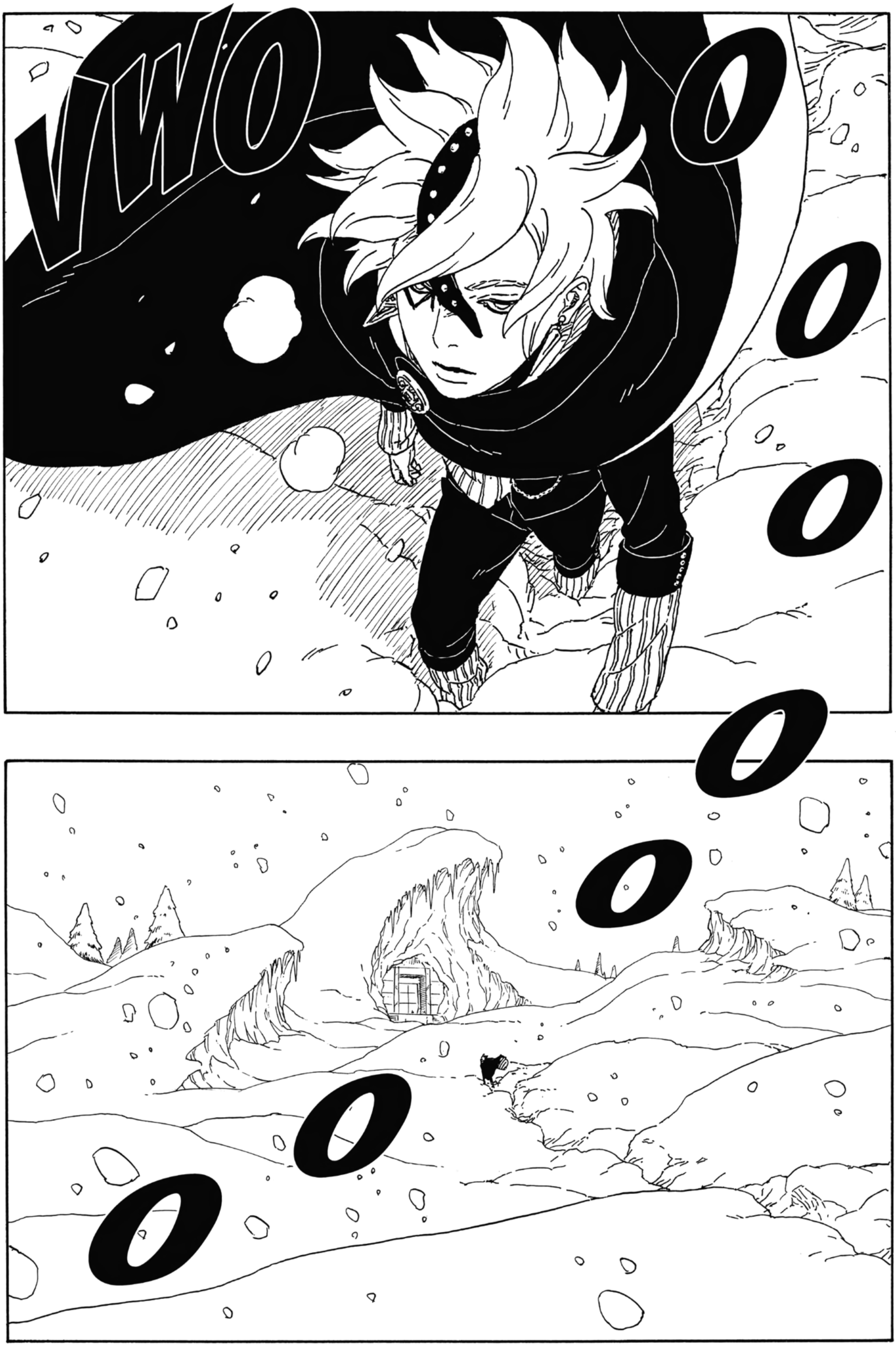
I'VE GOT SOME-ONE IN MIND ALREADY.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.

SOME-ONE WHO'D BE PER-FECT.

...TO HAVE SURVIVED JIGEN'S ***RITUAL.***

THE ONLY OTHER GUY...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THERE ARE STILL OUTERS, THOSE WHO DO EXTERNAL CONTRACT WORK FOR KARA, OUT THERE IN VARIOUS REGIONS, BUT...

HE'S THE LAST KARA INNER LEFT.

...ONCE ALL THE INNERS ARE GONE, THEY'LL ESSENTIALLY CEASE TO FUNCTION.

CODE...

WHAT SORT OF PERSON IS HE?

IN ADDI-TION...

...CODE WAS ENTRUSTED WITH GUARDING TEN TAILS IN THAT SECURE HIDEOUT IN THE OTHER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE.

AFTER SASUKE IN-FILTRATED IT...

...THEY WENT ON HIGH ALERT.

SO HE'S KARA'S LONE SURVIVING OFFICER.

IF WE CAN GET RID OF HIM...

I PROBABLY DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU, BUT TEN TAILS IS A DANGEROUS PRESENCE.

AS LONG AS IT CONTINUES TO EXIST...

...SO TOO DOES THE DANGER OF THE PLANET GETTING WIPED OUT VIA A DIVINE TREE.

IT MUST BE DEALT WITH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AND YET...

...SASUKE'S SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU HAS BEEN DISABLED ALONG WITH HIS EYE.

AND BORUTO CAN'T REALLY CONTROL HIS POWERS, SO EVEN IF YOU GOT THERE...

...THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN SAFELY.

THIS CODE...

HE'S ABLE TO TRAVEL FREELY TO AND FROM THAT SPACE?

OF COURSE.

HE DOESN'T HAVE SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU, BUT...

...THERE ARE OTHER ABILITIES THAT MAKE IT POS-SIBLE.

IN WHICH CASE...

...WE NEED TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT CODE.

BEFORE TEN TAILS GETS MISUSED.

THAT'S SOUND.

BECAUSE ONCE CODE IS OUT OF THE WAY...

...WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME TO DECIDE HOW TO DISPOSE OF TEN TAILS.

CODE ISN'T LIKE THE OTHERS.

HE'S *SPECIAL.*

YOU'RE NOT WRONG.

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE HIM.

BUT BE CARE-FUL...

!!!!

SHVV

SHVV

BRRR...

VV

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COULD YOU JUST LET ME INSIDE?

I'M AN ACQUAIN-TANCE OF HIS.

THIS IS BORO'S CULT FACILITY, RIGHT?

WHO ARE YOU?

TCH.

STUPID, STUPID.

SORRY, BUT LORD BORO AIN'T HERE.

SO GO RUN HOME.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE?

HALT! THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING!

GCHNG

THEN AGAIN...

...YOU'D HAVE TO BE DUMB TO BE GATE-KEEPERS...

...IN THIS FREAKIN' FREEZING BACK-COUNTRY.

YEAH...

BEFORE ***YOU*** DIE.

REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU...

...ABOUT WHEN I WAS FIRST BROUGHT TO KARA?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

JIGEN'S RITUAL?

OH, THAT!

!

THERE WERE ONLY TWO OF US LEFT WHEN IT CAME TO MY TURN.

I TURNED OUT TO BE COMPATIBLE.

I MANAGED TO SURVIVE JIGEN GIVING ME KARMA.

LOTS OF KIDS ARE GIVEN KARMA...

IT'S A RITUAL TO SCREEN OHTSUTSUKI VESSEL CANDIDATES.

...AND THOSE WHO AREN'T COMPATIBLE HAVE SEIZURES AND DIE.

...APPARENTLY JIGEN GAVE THE LAST KID KARMA ALSO.

SO I DIDN'T SEE WHAT HAPPENED AFTERWARDS, BUT...

...I PASSED OUT AT THAT POINT AND WAS MOVED ELSEWHERE.

LIKE I MENTIONED BEFORE...

EXCEPT ...

...

BUT IT FAILED.

JUST LIKE THE OTHER KIDS THAT DIED...

...FOR WHATEVER REASON, HE DIDN'T DIE.

...HIS BODY STARTED TO SHAKE AND SPASM.

HE SURVIVED, JUST LIKE ME. HE WAS COMPATIBLE...

...WITH KARMA.

HE WASN'T ABLE TO BECOME A VESSEL.

DAK

WF

KA

CHK

W

BOOM

ZWISHH

DWOOSH

HE VAN-ISHED!

HEY...

WHAT ARE THESE BLACK BANDS?!

SHF

B-BFF

ZWG
ZZLRP
HEY !! BE- HIND YOU!!

B-BFF

DAMMIT !!

WHIP

JAB

THD

SSH

SLRP

THWAP

UNH!

GGH...!

NNGH...

YOU CAN REST NOW.

YOU'VE WORKED SO HARD.

DON'T!

N-NO.

THD

SPATTER

DMP

SLASH

BUT IT'S STILL PRETTY COLD.

LET'S GET INSIDE.

VWOOO

OH. HMM.

HUFF HUFF

MOVING AROUND HAS WARMED ME UP A BIT.

...HIS BODY RETAINS KARMA'S ASPECT OF BEING A WEAPON.

IT'S CERTAINLY A RARE CASE, BUT THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

HE SURVIVED, AND AS A RESULT...

HE CAN'T BE USED AS A VESSEL...

THAT'S POS-SIBLE?

...BUT THE KARMA REMAINED?

AND THE REACTION THAT TOOK PLACE IN CODE'S BODY...

...IS ESPECIALLY ASTOUNDING. HIS COMBAT ABILITIES EXCEEDED EVEN JIGEN'S.

EXACTLY.

THERE'S STILL A LOT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT KARMA.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT MAKES SOMEONE COMPATIBLE.

...

SO ANY-THING'S POSSIBLE WHEN IT COMES TO THIS.

HE'S HAD ***LIMITERS*** PUT IN TO CHECK HIS FORMIDABLE STRENGTH.

...IT'S THE EXACT OPPOSITE IN CODE'S CASE.

ALMOST EVERY MEMBER OF KARA...

...HAS HAD THEIR BODY REMODELED IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN IT, BUT...

IN ORDER TO AVOID THE UNDERMINING OF JIGEN'S POSITION AS LEADER.

!

WHAT ?!

ISSHIKI, ESPECIALLY, HE WORSHIPS AS A GOD.

SO CODE BORE STRONG ADORATION FOR JIGEN, WHO HAD BECOME AN OHTSU-TSUKI.

CODE WAS SUBMISSIVE TO JIGEN.

HE HARBORS A KIND OF RELIGIOUS DEVOTION TOWARD THE OHTSU-TSUKI.

IN SHORT ...

...HE LET HIMSELF BE WEAK-ENED, FOR JIGEN?

IS HE SANE?

...

AND FOR THAT REASON ...

...HE NURSES INTENSE ENVY OF KAWAKI, WHO WAS CHOSEN...

...AS ISSHIKI'S LEGITIMATE VESSEL.

...THAT GREATLY SURPASSED JIGEN'S POWER, BUT...

ACTUALLY, THERE WERE ***SEVERAL*** CYBORGS AMONG THOSE I HAD CREATED...

...THEY WERE ALL DISPOSED OF, AS PER JIGEN'S ORDERS.

THAT'S HOW STRONG CODE'S FEELINGS TOWARD OHTSUTSUKI ARE.

BUT I DIGRESS.

IT WAS AFTER THAT, UPON TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL SORTS OF SCENARIOS, THAT I CAME UP WITH KASHIN KOJI.

WELL, YES.

...

HAD YOU BUILT THEM TO TAKE JIGEN DOWN?

THESE CY-BORGS ?

IF HE FINDS OUT ISSHIKI'S BEEN DEFEATED...

...HE WILL LIKELY SEEK RETRIBUTION.

HE WAS JIGEN'S STRONG RIGHT-HAND MAN.

CODE IS AN EXCEPTION WHO ESCAPED DISPOSAL DUE TO HIS UNWAVERING LOYALTY.

TO SUM IT UP ...

KAWAKI AS WELL.

I'VE BEEN MARKED SINCE I BETRAYED KARA.

THEN I'LL BE A TARGET, FOR SURE.

...

WHAT ABOUT THESE LIMITERS YOU INSTALLED IN CODE?

HE CAN'T JUST TURN THEM OFF WITH A THOUGHT, CAN HE?

WORST CASE, BORUTO TOO.

I KNOW I'LL BREAK PRETTY EASILY.

I'M NOT A PRO LIKE THE TWO OF YOU.

...IF HE WERE TO KIDNAP AND TORTURE ME, YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.

AL-THOUGH ...

NO WORRIES THERE.

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN RESCIND THEM.

I WANNA SHARE OUR CHRONOLOGY AND INTEL WITH THE OTHER VILLAGES.

SHIKAMARU, MAKE THE ARRANGE-MENTS.

ALL RIGHT. FOR NOW...

...DEALING WITH CODE WILL BE PRIORITY NUMBER ONE.

GAH. FINE.

WE'LL KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON YOU.

IT'S GOKAGE SUMMIT TIME!

VWOOOOOO

...IMPLANTING THIS IN SOMEONE ELSE.

I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT...

...IT WOULD STAND TO REASON THAT WE COULD USE...

...THEIR SPECIAL MOVES AND JUTSU. LIKE SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU.

IF WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BECOME OHTSUTSUKI...

...I FEEL LIKE...

...IT'S POSSIBLE.

BUT NOW THAT...

...YOU MENTION IT...

...HE SURVIVED BEING GIVEN KARMA.

THAT'S WHAT'S KEY.

I HAVE NO IDEA, BUT...

...AT THE VERY LEAST...

BUT THIS GUY CODE.

HE ALREADY HAS KARMA, RIGHT?

IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE TO GIVE HIM A DIFFERENT KARMA?

PLUS, HE ISN'T ANYONE'S VESSEL.

SO IT MAKES SENSE TO TRY SOME-ONE WHO'S ALREADY SURVIVED IT ONCE.

IF IT WERE SO EASY FOR KARMA TO STICK, JIGEN WOULDN'T HAVE HAD SO MUCH TROUBLE.

YOU'VE GOT NO CHOICE...

...UNLESS YOU WANNA DIE.

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

...I'M FEEL-ING REALLY RELUCTANT ABOUT FORCING THIS THING...

...UPON SOME-BODY.

FOR SURE.

BUT YOU KNOW...

...

BESIDES, WE CAN'T JUST KEEP DEPEND-ING ON HIM FOREVER.

WE GOTTA STEP UP.

DAD NO LONGER HAS KURAMA'S POWER...

...SO HE WON'T BE AS STRONG AS HE USED TO BE.

LEMME TELL YOU, CODE IS ***STRONG.***

HE'S NOT THE TYPE OF ENEMY YOU'D NORMALLY WANT TO GO UP AGAINST.

STRONGER THAN DELTA AND BORO, SO FAR AS I KNOW.

DO *YOU* KNOW, KAWAKI...

...WHAT WE SHINOBI DO IN TIMES LIKE THESE?

I DUNNO HOW STRONG THIS CODE IS, BUT...

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HUH?

...

WE TRAIN!!

C'MON, LET'S GO!!

DUH!

TNK

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

ON AN ERRAND FOR JIGEN?

MY WORD! IF IT ISN'T CODE!

LIKELY BORO TOO.

JIGEN'S DEAD.

HEY, BUG.

HOW'S EIDA?

A LOT.

THINGS HAVE GOTTEN BUSY REAL SUDDEN. BY THE WAY...

HEY NOW.

TROUBLE'S AFOOT, I SEE. WHAT'S HAP-PENING?

...

I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENT TO DEFY YOU, TRULY, BUT...

IF YOU'RE LYING, I'LL...

A-ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT BORO IS DEAD?

I'M PRETTY SURE BORO SECRETLY STORED SEVERAL CYBORGS HERE...

...THAT JIGEN HAD ORDERED TO BE SCRAPPED.

THOUGH I DON'T KNOW HIS MOTIVE. MAYBE SOME ACE UP HIS SLEEVE?

ANYWAY, TAKE ME TO THEM.

!!

W-WHAT ...

... ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

BUT IN EX-CHANGE ...

...YOU'LL PAY ME, RIGHT?!

ALL RIGHT!

...

TOK

TOK

TOK

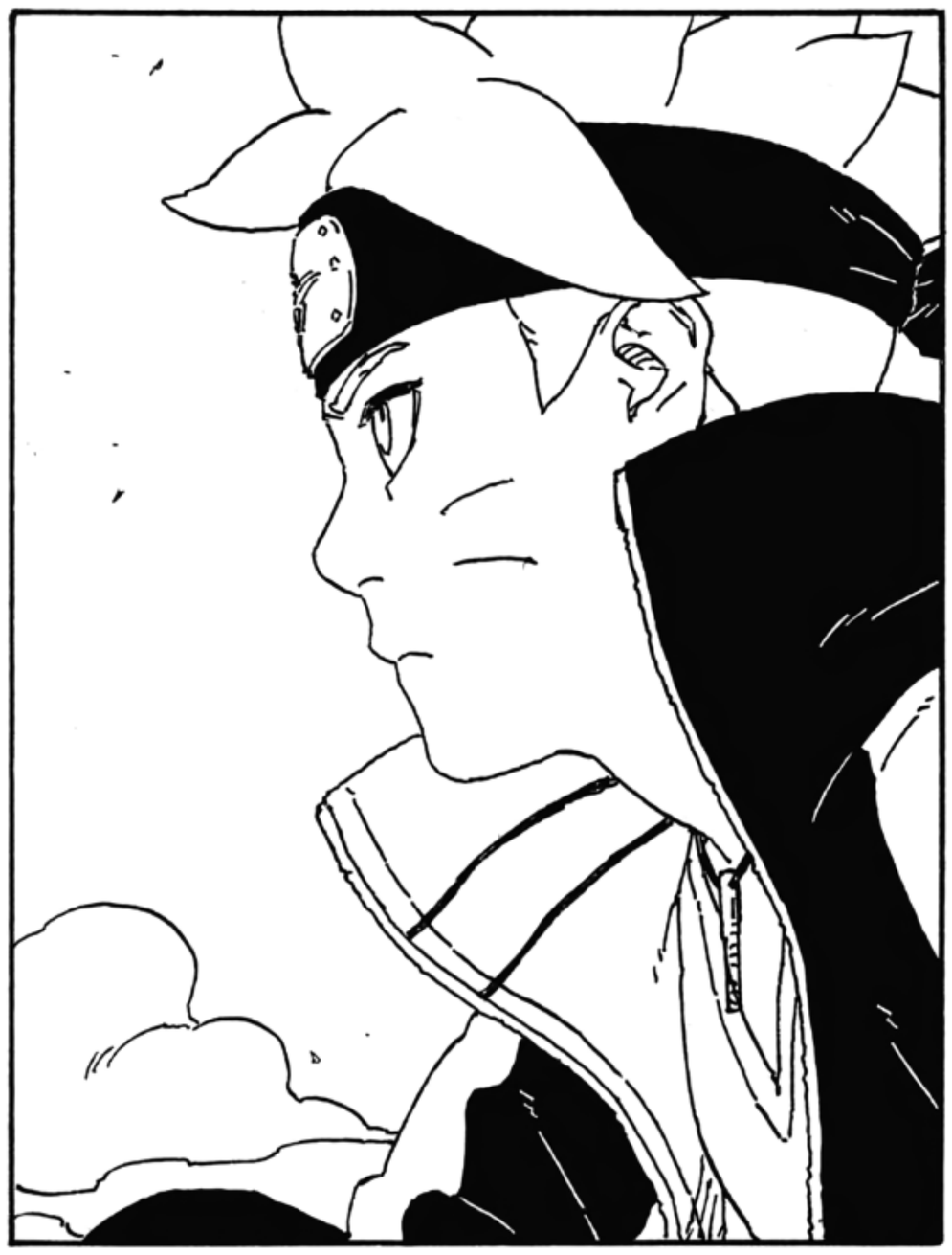
WHAT IN THE WORLD...

HERE YOU GO.

...ARE YOU STIRRING UP, CODE?

HELLO, EIDA.

YOU WHO KNOWS EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD...



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BORO, YOU BASTARD ...

I DUNNO WHAT YOU WERE PLOTTING, BUT THAT'S JUST ASKING FOR TROUBLE.

YOU ACTUALLY DISOBEYED JIGEN'S ORDER AND PRESERVED HER.

WHY DIDN'T YOU RE-PORT...

...BORO'S TRANS-GRESSION TO JIGEN?

IF YOU ASK ME, YOUR KNOW-ING ABOUT HER IS MORE OF A SUR-PRISE.

AND EVEN I DON'T HAVE THE HEART TO TAKE DOWN A GOOD-NATURED BUDDY.

IF BORO WERE TO INCUR JIGEN'S WRATH, I'D BE THE ONE WHO'D END UP HAVING TO DISPOSE OF HIM.

CUZ I WASN'T SURE OF IT UNTIL I SAW HER FOR MYSELF.

PLUS...

LET'S WAKE HER UP.

WE'LL TALK AFTER.

WELL, I NEVER DREAMED THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN SHE'D COME IN HANDY...

I BET YOU WOULDN'T EVEN BLINK.

YEAH, RIGHT.

ABOUT HER ABILITIES?

...YOU **DO** KNOW, RIGHT?

I REALIZE I'VE ALREADY GUIDED YOU HERE, BUT...

...

BUT I BET...

...WHAT YOU'RE THINKING IS TOO NAIVE...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU PLAN TO HAVE HER DO...

I DON'T WANT TO KNOW.

"SHE WHO KNOWS EVERY-THING IN THIS WORLD"...

THAT'S ALL I'VE HEARD.

...

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WHAT IS IT?

QUIT PRATTLING.

JUST SPILL IT.

YOU CAN'T MAKE HER OBEY USING BRUTE FORCE.

NOT EIDA, OUT OF ALL OF THEM. SHE'S IN...

...A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CLASS.

PLINK

KLOO

ZWI

SCH

GG

PSHH

F

P

WAAH!

IF SHE DEFIES ME, I'LL JUST KILL HER.

I'LL ASK HER DIRECTLY.

CODE, YOU BASTARD!!

I WASN'T DONE EXPLAINING!

G-

G-

G-

G-

G-

G-

THE MATERIAL YOU HAVE IN HAND HAS HIS DETAILS.

THE TARGET IS CODE, A KARA HOLDOUT.

...OUR PATROLS HAVE REPORTED THAT THEY ALL EITHER DON'T ACTIVATE OR ARE DAMAGED.

...THERE ARE TRANSFER PORTALS SCATTERED ALL OVER, AS PER AMADO, BUT...

KONOHA PATROLS RECENTLY LAUNCHED SEVERAL INCURSION OPS ON THE KARA BASE, BUT THEY ALL FAILED.

BECAUSE THE KARA BASE IS LOCATED IN ANOTHER DIMENSION...

THAT'S THEIR ONLY BASE?

THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER RELATED FACILITIES?

SO YOU SHOULD OPERATE UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT HE ALREADY KNOWS THAT AMADO HAS SURRENDERED TO KONOHA.

IT SEEMS HE ANTICIPATED US GETTING THIS INTEL AND DECIDED TO ACT PREEMPTIVELY.

SO NO CLUES, HUH.

WHAT'S THE PLAN THEN?

WE'RE STILL TRACKING LEADS BASED ON AMADO'S INTEL, BUT...

...AS OF NOW, THEY'VE ALL BEEN BUSTS. AT THE VERY LEAST...

...HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE STUPID ENOUGH TO SHOW UP AT A REGULAR HAUNT.

SPECIFICALLY, THE MURDER OF THE HOKAGE AND SEVERAL OTHER KONOHA SHINOBI.

AND THE SECOND IS...

WE THINK HE HAS TWO BROAD CONCERNS.

THE FIRST IS RETALIATING AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED IN SUBDUING OHTSUTSUKI ISSHIKI.

WE PREDICT HIS MOVES AND INTERCEPT HIM?

WHAT ARE HIS MOTIVES?

TEN TAILS?

WE HAVE TO FIGHT THAT MONSTER AGAIN?

...CULTIVATING A DIVINE TREE FROM TEN TAILS.

ALL RIGHT, I GET YOUR SITUA-TION.

ONE BASIC QUESTION THOUGH...

BUT THAT'S PARTLY WHY WE NEED TO FIND CODE NOW.

TO THWART HIS PLAN.

WORST-CASE SCENARIO, YES.

THIS SCIENTIST AMADO THAT YOU'VE GOT...

CAN WE REALLY TRUST HIM?

...

IF YOU WANT MY PERSONAL OPINION...

NO, I DON'T TRUST HIM 100 PERCENT.

THIS DEPEN-DENCE ON A BASTARD WHO UNTIL JUST RECENTLY BELONGED TO THE ENEMY ORGANI-ZATION...

YOU SURE HE'S NOT USING YOU FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES?

I TRUST ***YOU***, KONOHA.

BUT...

AS LONG AS THAT WASN'T ALL A GIANT DOG AND PONY SHOW.

...AND HIS INTEL ITSELF, AT LEAST, IS CREDIBLE TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.

WELL, IT DOES SEEM LIKE HIS LIFE IS BEING TARGETED...

IT WOULDN'T BE AN OVERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT WITHOUT HIS HELP, THERE WOULDN'T STILL BE A VILLAGE.

SO THE PROOF IS IN THE RESULTS.

BUT AMADO CAME THROUGH WITH FLYING COLORS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST ISSHIKI.

WE'RE STILL SEARCHING FOR AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION.

THOUGH BORUTO HIMSELF IS DOING FINE.

BUT IT'S NOT LOOKING GOOD...

WHAT OF MOMOSHIKI'S KARMA?

IS BORUTO ALL RIGHT, NARUTO?

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, IN TERMS OF ISSHIKI, BUT...

SORRY TO BE HARSH, BUT...

IF MOMOSHIKI, OR BORUTO HIMSELF, WERE TO BECOME AN ISSHIKI-LEVEL THREAT...

THE KARA HOLDOUT IS A PROBLEM TOO, BUT...

...THIS ISSUE, FRANKLY, IS MY BIGGER CONCERN.

...

I'LL DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

AS HOKAGE.

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO TAKE DOWN...

...YOUR OWN SON?

...IT DID SEEM LIKE HE WAS PREPARED TO IF NECESSARY.

RSTL

RSTL

I SPOKE TO SASUKE EARLIER, BUT...

VWOOOO

...WILL BECOME ANOTHER PERSON ENTIRELY.

A BRUTAL OHTSU-TSUKI, NO LESS.

FOR ME...

I JUST HAVE TROUBLE BELIEVING ANY OF IT. THAT MY PRECIOUS SON...

...

HFF

I USED TO HAVE A DAUGHTER.

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

OH!

AND EVEN IF THAT WORST-CASE POSSIBILITY WERE TO BECOME REALITY...

...I'D RATHER KEEP ON NOT BELIEVING IT...

...UNTIL THE MOMENT IT HAPPENS.

I SEE ...

...

RSTL

SHE DIED THOUGH.

IT'S BEEN 12 YEARS ALREADY.

HERE WE GO.

THIS IS IT.

TNK

RATHER, YOU ***DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP***, RIGHT?

THAT'S WHY YOU'VE COME TO ME.

IT'S NOT THAT YOU DON'T...

...WANT TO BELIEVE.

SOME SORT OF MEDICINE?

WHAT'S THIS?

...

WHAT ?!

!

IT'S A DRUG I CRAFTED WITH THE AIM OF WEAKENING A BYAKUGAN'S POWER.

THIS WAS ONE BY-PRODUCT OF THAT.

I DID EVERY CONCEIV-ABLE THING TO TAKE JIGEN DOWN.

DON'T ASK FOR THE DETAILS.

THAT WAS THE ORIGINAL PLAN.

...*MIGHT* HAVE THE EFFECT OF CURTAILING THE OHTSUTSUKI-FICATION OF BORUTO'S CELLS.

SO WEAKEN-ING THE BYAKUGAN...

THE ORIGIN OF BYAKUGAN LIES WITH OHTSUTSUKI.

DE-CREASED VISION WOULD BE BAD ENOUGH, BUT...

...WORST-CASE SCENARIO, THERE'S A CHANCE HE COULD DIE.

I WOULDN'T NORMALLY RECOM-MEND THIS.

FAIR WARN-ING...

BECAUSE THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT KIND OF SIDE EFFECTS THERE MAY BE.

!

FOR REAL ?!

IT DOESN'T SOLVE THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM.

AND REGULAR DOSING WILL LIKELY BECOME NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN EFFICACY.

LISTEN CLOSELY. THE BEST WE CAN EXPECT IS CURTAILMENT.

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO STOP THE PROGRESSION OF OHTSUTSUKI-FICATION... *TEMPORARILY.*

...

...BUT MAKE SURE YOUR WIFE AND DAUGHTER DON'T TAKE THESE.

AND I'M SURE YOU REALIZE THIS...

THOUGH IN THE END, IT'S STILL BORUTO'S DECISION.

YOU NEED TO CONSIDER ALL THAT VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

THIS IS THE MOST I CAN DO.

COME BACK IF YOU NEED MORE.

FISH

I OWE YOU ONE.

THANKS, AMADO.

VWOOOOOO

I'M CODE.

SORRY TO WAKE YOU SO SUDDENLY.

TK

MORNING, EIDA.

TK

TK

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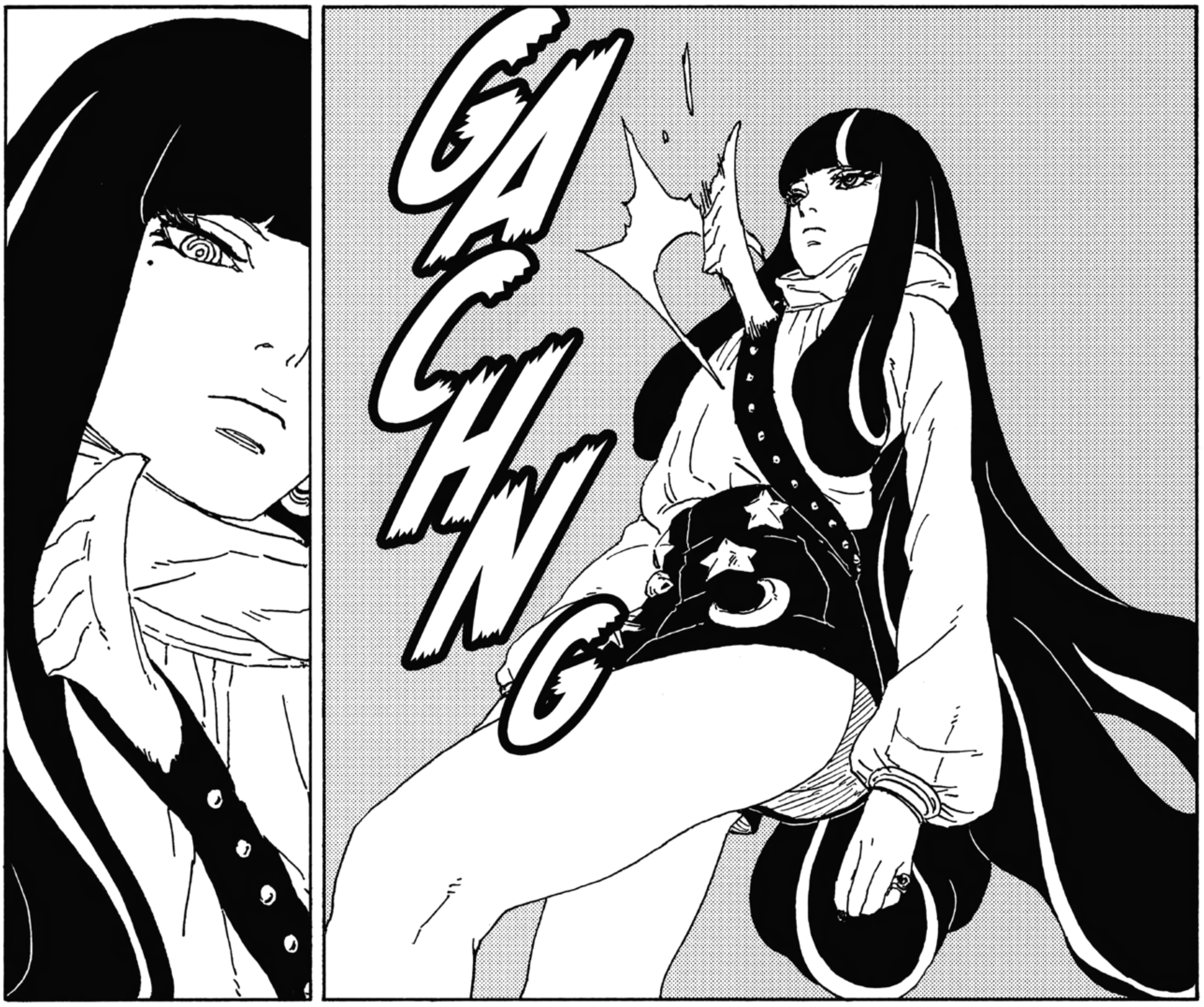
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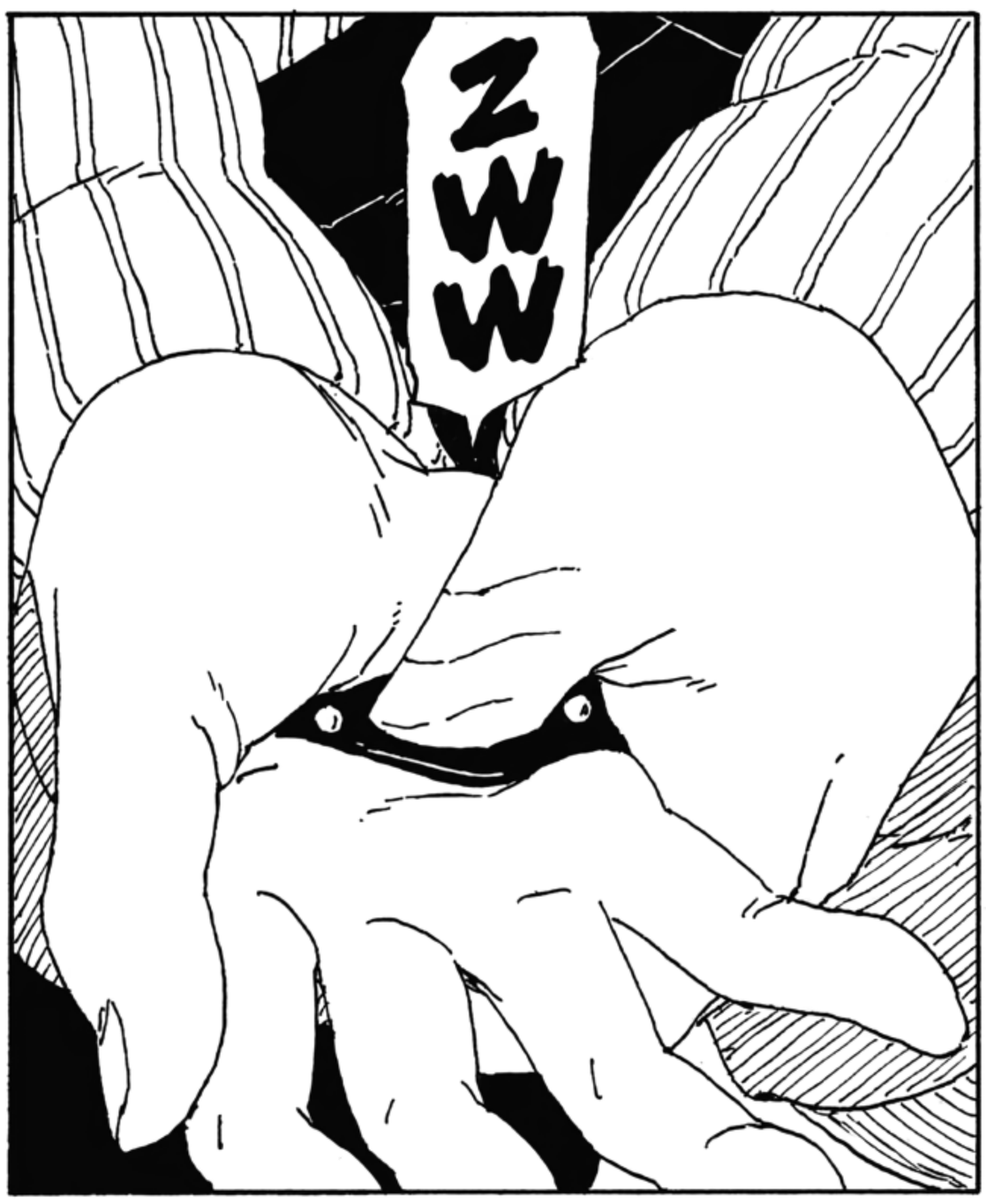
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I CAME HERE TO TALK TO YOU.

HOW-EVER...

I'LL DISPOSE OF YOU, AS PER JIGEN'S ORDERS.

...IF YOU CAN'T CONCERN YOURSELF WITH ME, FINE.

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.

YOU CAN'T EVEN BOTHER WITH A "HELLO"?

GRIN

GO AHEAD AND TRY.

THAT'S TOO BAD.

ZB

?

ZBB

?

!

OR RATHER...

...THEY WON'T DO WHAT I TELL THEM TO?

WHAT THE?!

I CAN'T MOVE MY HANDS...

YOU CAN'T, CAN YOU?

SEE?

!

...IS ONE OF HER ABILITIES TOO?

THIS...

I'M SORRY, CODE.

I WASN'T IGNORING YOU.

YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN ASLEEP A LONG TIME, SO...

...I'M WORRIED I HAVE BAD BREATH.

BUG.

JOLT

...

...

YES, MA'AM.

GUIDE HIM TO THE BAR.

I'LL JOIN YOU WHEN I'M FINISHED.

AND WHAT I DID LACKED CLASS.

SHE'S A GIRL, AFTER ALL.

RIGHT...

YOU'VE ...

...GOTTEN YOURSELF ENSNARED IN HER SPELL ALREADY!

DON'T BE STUPID, CODE!

DRAG-GING ME INTO THIS MESS...

HEY, BUG.

WHADDAYA THINK?

IS SHE INTER-ESTED IN ME?

SHKK SHKK

SHKK

SHKK SHKK

MY HEART'S POUNDING HARDER THE LONGER I WAIT.

YEAH.

IS THIS A TACTIC OF HERS TOO?

PTOO

IT'S HER *ABILITY*!

SHE'S STOLEN YOUR HEART!!

FOOL!!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

YOU'RE TOTALLY DONE FOR.

IT'S THE REASON YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO ATTACK HER EARLIER.

AN ABILITY...

TO HAVE YET ANOTHER ABILITY...

CLAIR-VOYANCE IS CHEATING ENOUGH.

THAT'S INCREDI-BLE.

...TO STEAL ONE'S HEART?

THAT'S AMAZING.

LET'S SAY...

TK

...THERE WERE SECURITY CAMERAS IN EVERY NOOK OF THE WORLD...

TK

...AND YOU COULD ACCESS THEM WHENEVER YOU WANTED.

OVER-BLOWN IS WHAT IT IS.

TK

TK

IT'S NOT SUCH A GOOD THING.

FOR THE MOST PART, I'M SUPER BORED.

COULD YOU WATCH THEM ALL DAY?

TK

TK

THOUGH OCCA-SIONALLY, I'LL SEE SOME-THING INTER-ESTING.

TK

...

REALLY...

SO? ANY-THING...

...INTER-ESTING HAPPEN RECENTLY ?

OHTSUTSUKI ISSHIKI DYING?

...

LET'S SEE...

IT WAS PRETTY PATHETIC. IT MADE ME LAUGH.

I'M SAD THAT I CAN'T SHOW IT TO YOU.

AND THEN ISSHIKI'S DEAD SOUL GRIPED AT YOU... HE SEEMED TO BE...

...GOING ON FOR A WHILE, SO I STOPPED LISTENING PARTWAY THROUGH.

BUT POOR YOU, TO BE TASKED WITH SO MANY THINGS.

...

...IT FEELS LIKE JUST MY CONSCIOUS-NESS HAS JUMPED THERE.

I CAN SEE THE PAST TOO.

WELL...

IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN TO OTHERS, BUT...

YOUR CLAIR-VOYANCE IS THE REAL DEAL.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

WOW.

I'LL ONLY GUESS AT YOUR AGE THEN.

CAN YOU SEE THE FUTURE?

FINE.

AND I'LL SAY THIS RIGHT NOW...

DON'T EVEN THINK OF ASKING SUCH A BOORISH THING AS HOW MANY YEARS INTO THE PAST I CAN LOOK.

I CAN'T SEE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED BEFORE I WAS BORN THOUGH.

...OR PICK SCENES FROM THE PAST TO WATCH.

I CAN ONLY SEE CURRENT EVENTS IN REAL TIME...

NO.

IT'S NOT PRECOG-NITION.

REALLY ?

I'M FLAT-TERED.

I DID PREDICT THAT YOU WOULD COME VISIT ME.

CALL IT FEMALE INTUITION.

BUT...

I COULD PROBABLY DO IT AS I AM, BUT...

...I WANT TO SPARE MYSELF UNNECES-SARY HARDSHIP.

YOU REALLY ARE ALL-KNOWING.

YUP. IN ORDER TO KILL HOKAGE AND UCHIHA.

HOW TO RELEASE THE POWER LIMITERS IMPLANTED IN YOUR BODY...

BOTH BIOMETRIC AUTHENTI-CATIONS ARE NEEDED.

AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CODE WORD IS.

ONLY AMADO CAN LIFT THE LIMITERS.

...AND A VOICE-PRINT COMMAND CODE...

USING IRIS RECOG-NITION...

ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW?

IT'S NOT THAT EASY.

YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TELL, BUT HE'S REMODELED HIS EYES WITH SCIENTIFIC NINJA TOOLS.

AND YOU KNOW TRANSFOR-MATION JUTSU CAN'T REPLICATE COMPLEX TECH.

I SEE...

WELL, BIOMETRIC AUTHENTI-CATION ISN'T A PROBLEM.

I'LL JUST HAVE SOMEONE PERFORM TRANSFOR-MATION JUTSU AND TURN INTO HIM.

ULP...

...

...TO GOUGE OUT HIS EYEBALLS AND TAKE THEM WITH YOU.

SO YOU EITHER NEED AMADO TO COOPERATE OR...

HE'S SMART, AND A DREAMY DANDY.

BUT I'LL STILL KILL HIM THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.

THIS MUST BE WHY HE HUNKERED DOWN IN A SHINOBI VILLAGE.

...

SO CHARGING INTO KONOHA ALONE JUST FOR THIS WOULD BE SHORT-SIGHTED.

AW, SHOOT.

NOT THAT I'M A FOOL LIKE DELTA.

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU HATE AMADO?

BECAUSE HE REMOD-ELED YOUR BODY?

...

CODE...

BUT THAT'S NOT THE MAIN REASON.

HALF RIGHT.

I GIVE UP.

WHY?

I'M STUMPED.

YOU LIKE ME, RIGHT?

JUST ANSWER, CODE.

...LIKE ME?

DO YOU...

OH.

NO MORE GUESSING GAMES?

...

THESE EMOTIONS OF MINE, WHICH SEEM SO AUTHENTICALLY REAL...

...MY FEELINGS FOR YOU RAISE A QUESTION.

ARE THEY PHONY, MANUFACTURED BY YOUR ABILITY?

YES, I LIKE YOU, EIDA.

BUT AT THE SAME TIME...

I'VE BEEN CRAZY ABOUT YOU SINCE EARLIER.

DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

WHAT TRIFLING THINGS YOU WORRY ABOUT.

...

YOU KNOW NOTHING, CODE.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE USELESS.

I JUST WANT TO KNOW YOUR ABILITIES.

DON'T MISUNDER-STAND...

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT MYSELF.

SINCE WE'LL BE TEAMING UP.

NOW DO YOU GET IT?

HOW ABSOLUTELY BORING AND TEDIOUS IT IS?

IT'S NOT LIMITED TO YOU.

BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE.

EVERYONE BECOMES CAPTIVATED BY ME.

IT'S ME.

...WHETHER YOUR FEELINGS ARE REAL OR NOT.

YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO MOST WANTS TO KNOW...

...

AMADO HAS ROBBED ME OF ***ORDINARY LOVE.***

SO THIS IS THE RIGHT ANSWER TO MY EARLIER QUESTION.

THAT'S WHY I HATE HIM.

I CAN'T FORGIVE THAT.

BECAUSE MY ABILITY FORCIBLY STEALS THEIR HEARTS AWAY.

EVEN PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE NATURALLY, GENUINELY COME TO LIKE ME...

I'LL NEVER KNOW THEIR TRUE HEARTS.

G-GOOD LUCK TO THE TWO OF YOU.

I THINK I'LL GET GOING NOW.

W-WELL THEN, CODE...

...

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE CAPTIVATED BY EIDA.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, BUG?

FP

UNH!

AND HE'S A CHICKEN... I THINK HE'S SCARED.

BUG IS SHY, SO...

...HE DOESN'T SHOW IT EXTER-NALLY.

IT'S ENDEAR-ING.

I-I'M THE SAME AS YOU!

IT JUST HAP-PENED A LOT LONGER AGO!

THAT'S RIGHT.

...DIS-OBEYED JIGEN'S ORDER AND DIDN'T DISPOSE OF YOU.

...THE REASON WHY BORO...

I SEE...

I THINK I FINALLY UNDER-STAND...

OF MY ABILITY, THAT IS.

HE WAS ALSO RATHER AFRAID, JUST LIKE BUG...

HE WAS YOUR CAPTIVE TOO.

SO HOW WAS HE ABLE TO ORDER YOUR DISPOSAL?

THEN IT SHOULD'VE BEEN THE SAME WITH JIGEN.

!

HOLD ON...

I COULDN'T STEAL HIS HEART.

JIGEN'S AN EX-CEPTION.

...IS OHTSU-TSUKI.

ONE IS BLOOD RELATIVES.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF HEARTS MY ABILITY CAN'T STEAL.

AND THE OTHER...

WHAT?

THAT BOY KAWAKI.

HEY, CODE...

HE'S OHTSU-TSUKI TOO, RIGHT?

I SEE...

OHTSU-TSUKI, HUH?

GOING BACK TO ISSHIKI...

IN THE END...

...HE DIED AFTER FALLING FOR KAWAKI'S PLOY.

YEAH, THOUGH HE'S INCOM-PLETE.

HE HAD A KARMA.

IT WAS THRILLING.

I HADN'T FELT LIKE THAT IN A LONG TIME.

WHEN I SAW THAT...

...MY HEART FLUTTERED.

YOU'D BE ABLE TO HAVE A NORMAL ROMANCE WITH HIM.

HE COULD BE YOUR SHINING PRINCE.

YOU'RE RIGHT, YOUR ABILITY MAY NOT WORK ON KAWAKI.

...

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

I SEE...

SO HE'S PLENTY ELIGIBLE TO BE YOUR PRINCE TOO.

HE'S ALSO UNDERGOING KARMIC OHTSUTSUKI-FICATION.

IN WHICH CASE, THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR UZUMAKI BORUTO.

EXACTLY.

YOU'RE STARTING TO GET IT, CODE.

NO WORRIES.

DESPITE APPEARANCES, I'M MONOGAMOUS.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR OBJECTIVES?

DON'T YOU NEED TEN TAILS FODDER TO CULTIVATE THE DIVINE TREE?

BORUTO, RIGHT...

HE'S CUTE AND DREAMY TOO, BUT...

YOU'LL BE DOWN ONE PRECIOUS PRINCE.

ARE YOU SURE?

...

I WAS RIGHT TO TRUST YOU.

NICE. YOU'RE THE BEST.

THEY'RE BOTH CRAZY PIECES OF WORK.

IT'S ALMOST LIKE A HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRANSACTION...

WELL THEN, IN SALUTE TO EACH OTHER'S GOALS...

BUT I CAN SEE AND HEAR ALL.

YOU'LL NEVER BE CAUGHT.

THE KAGE ARE CONFERRING RIGHT NOW.

THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR YOU, IN ORDER TO STOP YOUR PLAN.

ONCE AGAIN, NICE TO MEET YOU, EIDA.

...SHALL WE HAVE A TOAST?

LIKEWISE, CODE.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

Number 58:
The Right Job for Idiots and Bastards

THEY WERE SUPPOSEDLY DEVELOPED FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE ORIGINALLY, BUT...

...IF ALL GOES WELL, WE ***MIGHT*** BE ABLE TO EXPECT SUCH AN EFFECT.

YEAH.

MEDS...

...THAT SUPPRESS OHTSU-TSUKI-FICATION?!

THEY WON'T GET RID OF KARMA...

...NOR WILL THEY REVERSE WHAT OHTSUTSUKI-FICATION HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE.

THEY'LL ONLY SUPPRESS ITS ADVANCE.

FOR REAL?!

I WON'T BECOME MOMOSHIKI IF I TAKE THESE?!

...

SNIFF SNIFF

NO PARTICULAR SMELL TO 'EM...

PLP PLP PLP

TUP

...IS THAT WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF SIDE EFFECTS THEY MAY CAUSE.

WORST-CASE SCENARIO, THERE'S A CHANCE YOU COULD EVEN DIE.

PLUS THERE'S THIS.

THE MOST PROB-LEMATIC THING ABOUT THEM...

...

THEY'LL JUST BE ONE OF YOUR OPTIONS.

YOU GET TO DECIDE FOR YOURSELF, SO THINK IT OVER CAREFULLY.

SO I'M NOT...

...GONNA FORCE YOU TO TAKE THEM.

POP

HOW MANY A DAY?

I CAN TAKE 'EM DRY.

NO REAL TASTE EITHER.

SMK SMK SMK

HMM...

WERE YOU NOT LISTENING AT ALL?!!

SHAK

JOLT

HEY !!!

I ALSO SAID TO THINK IT OVER CAREFULLY! WHAT'S WITH THE FLASH DECISION?

DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY THAT I GET TO DECIDE?!

I WAS!!

I MEAN, WE WON'T KNOW THEIR EFFECT...

...OR IF THEY EVEN HAVE ANY, UNLESS I TRY THEM OUT, RIGHT?!

IT JUST HAPPENED TO BE QUICK!!

DON'T SUDDENLY YELL LIKE THAT, DAD!

IN TERMS OF KARMA.

...IN MY CASE, I'VE ***BEEN*** PREPARING FOR THE WORST FOR A WHILE NOW.

SO I'M ALREADY THERE.

UGH, NEVER MIND... WELL?

YOU DON'T FEEL SICK OR WEIRD AT ALL?

YOU...!!

BESIDES, DAD, I REALIZE...

...IT MIGHT TAKE SOMEONE TIME TO FIND THEIR RESOLVE, BUT...

SO FAR, NO...

THAT'S ALL.

I'M SORRY IT FREAKED YOU OUT.

THAT'S WHY I WAS ABLE...

...TO DECIDE REALLY FAST.

BORUTO...

...

I'M GRATEFUL FOR THESE!

BUT THANKS, DAD!

VWOOOO

...

SHEESH... YOU LITTLE...

I WEIGHED IT AND DECIDED FOR MYSELF.

YUP.

THERE'S RISK FOR SURE, BUT...

...

MEDS?

YOU'RE TAKING DRUGS NOW?!

LOOK, I DON'T KNOW HOW STRONG THIS CODE GUY IS, BUT...

I THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST A HYPO-THETICAL OF YOURS?!

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT IT'D EVEN WORK!

...WE HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN AGAINST HIM THE NORMAL WAY, DON'T WE?

WHAT ABOUT THE PLAN TO IMPLANT YOUR KARMA IN CODE'S BODY?

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.

IF YOU END UP DYING BEFORE WE GET TO FIGHT HIM CUZ OF THESE WHO-KNOWS-WHAT, IT'S ALL A WASH!

QUIT YAPPING ALREADY!!
BOTH OF YOU!

SO SHUT UP AND FOCUS!!
WE'RE HERE TO TRAIN!

...PRETTY MUCH HAS NO TEAM SPIRIT.
SHEESH! KAWAKI...

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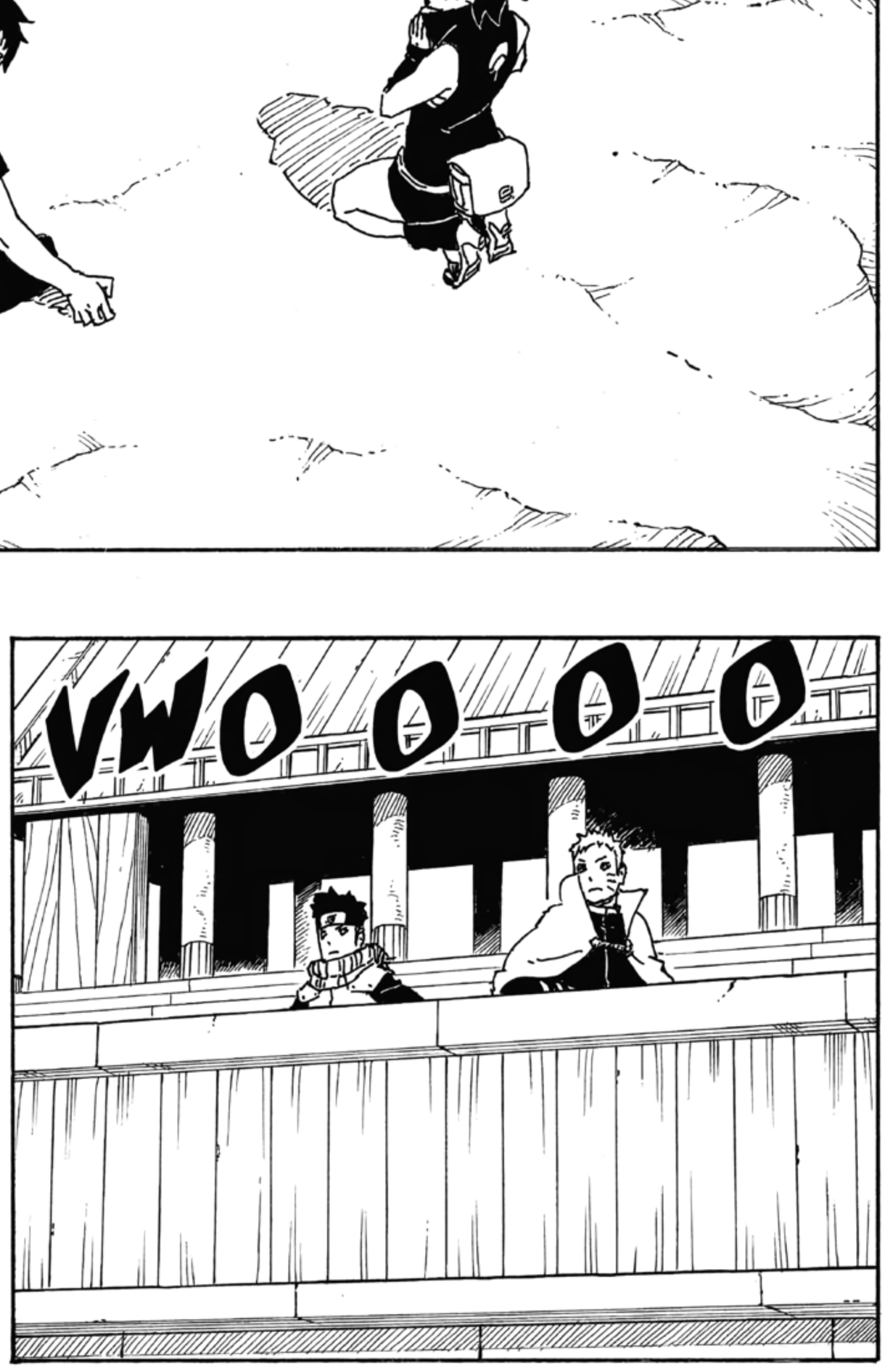
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AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE TRAINING!

SO THAT WE CAN GET EVEN A LITTLE BETTER!

I THOUGHT I WAS CLEAR.

WE'RE NO MATCH FOR CODE.

WHAT'S THE POINT OF SITTING IN PLACE QUIETLY ANYWAY?

WHY DON'T ***YOU*** SHUT IT, SARADA?

ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO, THAT'S ENOUGH!!

YEESH!

ACTING ALL BOSSY DESPITE BEING A NEWBIE...

IT'S AN IMPORTANT CHAKRA CONTROL DRILL! A REAL BASIC ONE!!

YOU'RE BOTH DISRUPTING THE TRAINING!!

FIVE? OR MAYBE TEN?

WHAT A JOKE.

HOW MANY YEARS ARE YOU PLANNING TO DRILL TO TAKE CODE DOWN?

LOOK, BASICS ARE GOOD, BUT...

LET ME REMIND YOU THAT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ASKED TO LEARN NINJUTSU IN THE FIRST PLACE!

HEY! ARE YOU PUTTING DOWN SHINOBI TRAINING?!

SO KAWAKI...

WHAT DO ***YOU*** SUGGEST?

I'M JUST SAYING THAT IT'S INEF-FICIENT.

...YOU'D NEED ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD.

IT MIGHT BE TRADITION OR SOME-THING, BUT...

FSH

SOME-THING MUCH SIMPLER THAT...

...I THINK YOU'D ALL LIKE TOO.

SEVEN

SHOT

GROUP

GWWW

WHOA!

YOU'VE GOT PROMISE, JUST AS I THOUGHT.

NICE BLOCK, MITSUKI.

HEY!

PERSONALLY, I COULD GO EITHER WAY.

I SEE. TRAIN THROUGH ACTUAL COMBAT.

WHAT THE HECK?!

...

WSH

WHP

HOW DARE HE--!

LORD SEVENTH!

JUST KEEP WATCHING, KONOHA-MARU.

MOST OF HIS LESSONS...

...WERE GRUELING COMBAT DRILLS.

I WAS HONED BY JIGEN...

...EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE BRAT...

STOP MAKING DECISIONS ON YOUR OWN!

HAVE YOU ALL FORGOTTEN THAT I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THIS TEAM?

I EVENTU-ALLY STARTED THINKING...

I WISHED I WERE DEAD, BUT THAT WASN'T POSSIBLE EITHER.

EVERY WAKING HOUR WAS HELL...

...TO KILL THIS BASTARD WHOSE FACE I COULDN'T STAND.

...THAT I REALLY WANTED THE STRENGTH...

AND THAT'S WHEN I STARTED RAPIDLY IMPROV-ING.

...IT TURNS OUT HIS METHODS WERE ACTUALLY RATIONAL AND MADE SENSE.

SO EVEN THOUGH JIGEN WAS A TOTAL BASTARD...

!

ZWG

YWISH

TAK

ARE YOU REALLY THAT DUMB?!

THAT'S PRETTY EXTREME LOGIC!

ENEMIES DON'T JUST WAIT AROUND, Y'KNOW.

STOP WHINING AND COME AT ME!

ALL RIGHT, I'M PISSED!!

YOU'RE GONNA ...

AK

WISH

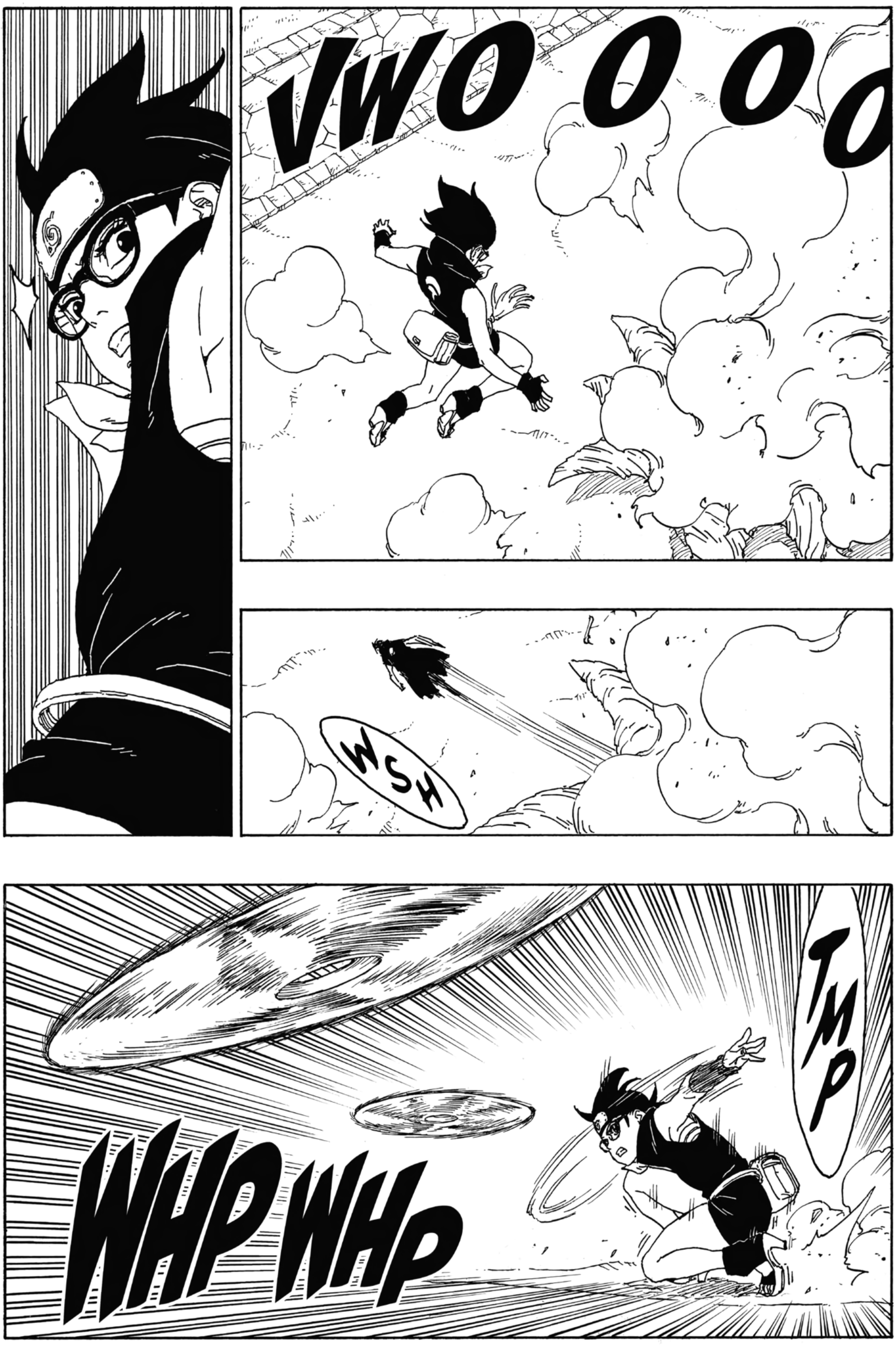
HEY, SARADA !!

GW

...REGRET THIS!!

FWP

WOOSH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THAT WAS EASILY BLOCK-ABLE!

HEY, HEY...

WHA?!

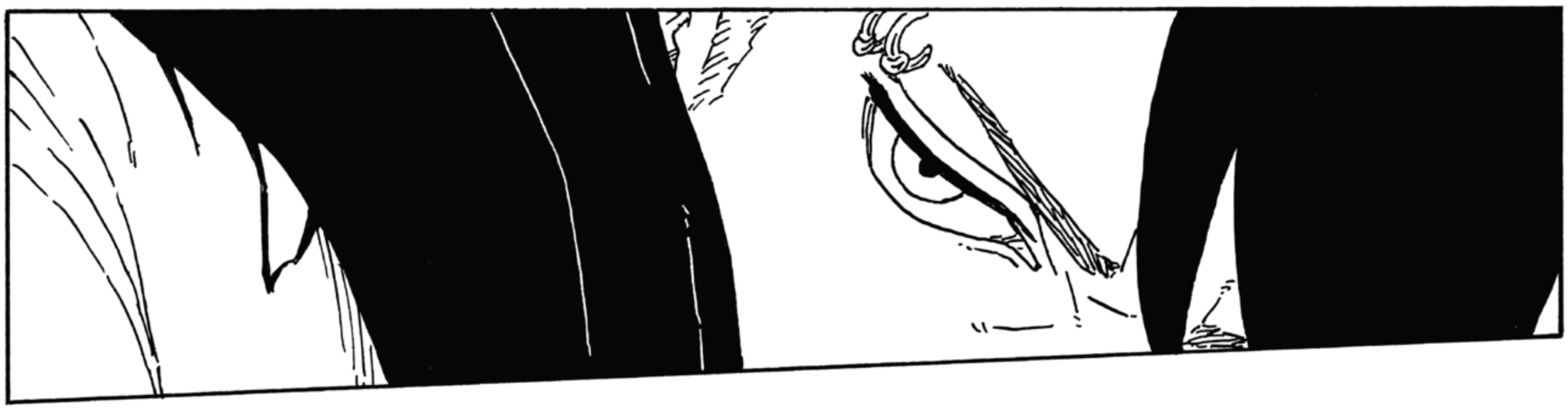
ROLL ROLL

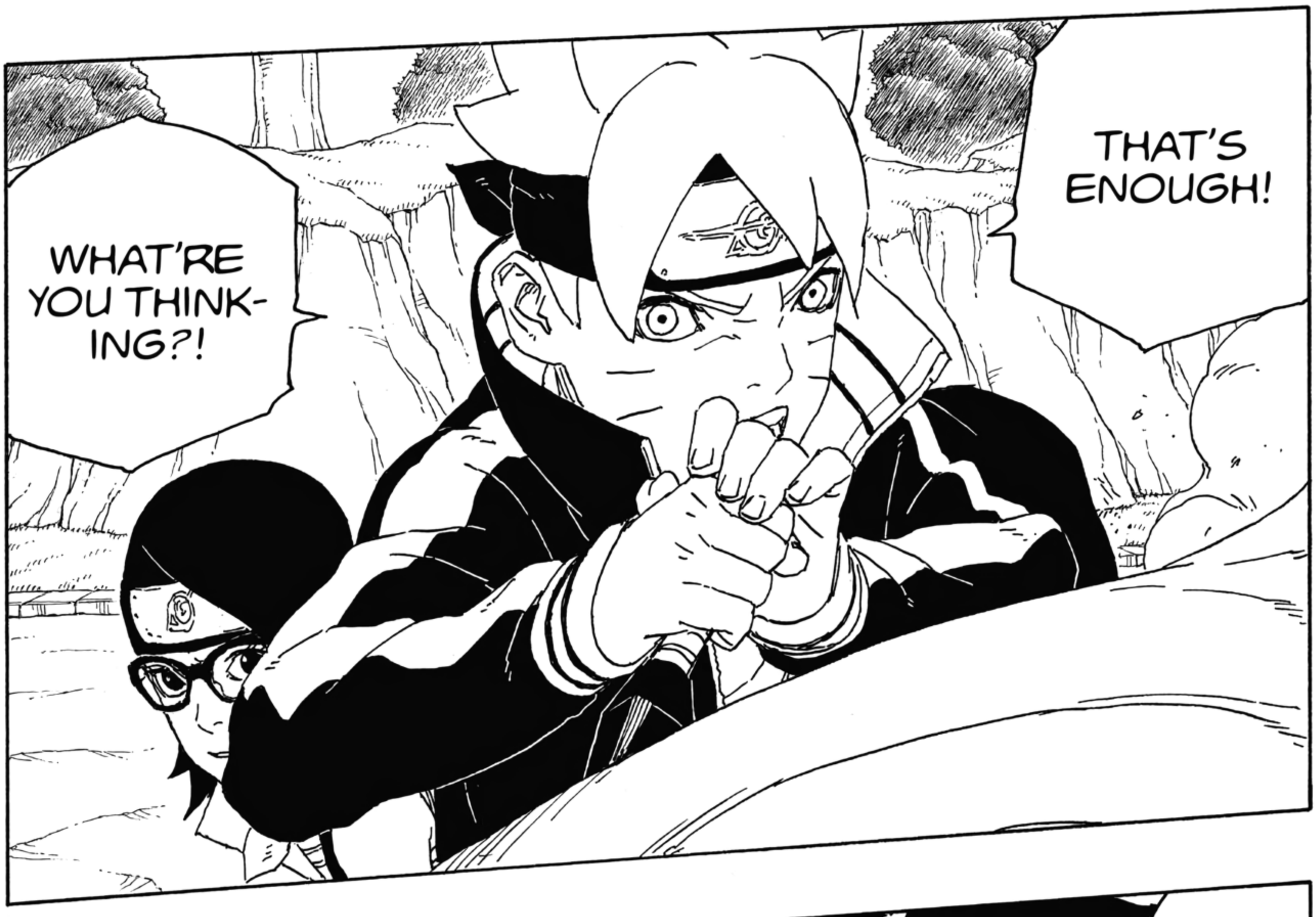
BOOF

HUH ?!

A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER!

NH!

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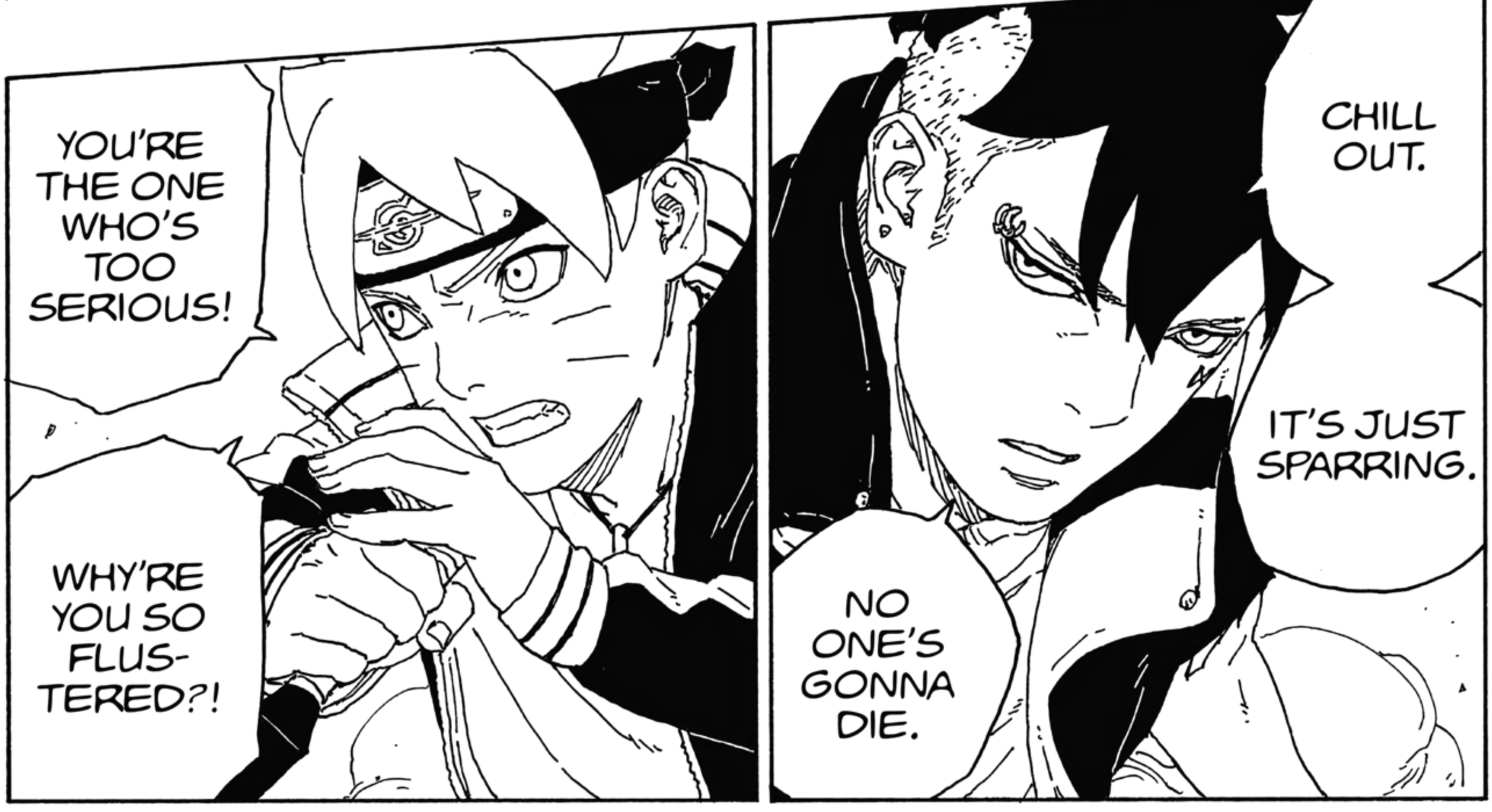

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S TOO SERIOUS!
WHY'RE YOU SO FLUS-TERED?!
CHILL OUT.
IT'S JUST SPARRING.
NO ONE'S GONNA DIE.

IT'S NO USE TALKING TO HIM, BORUTO!

YOU NEED TO SHOW HIM BY FORCE...

SARADA.

HUH?

ME, FLUS-TERED?

OKAY, BUT DON'T BUTT IN, ALL RIGHT?

HE'S MINE.

YUP!

IF I LOSE, WE'LL KEEP TRAINING THROUGH ACTUAL COMBAT.

THAT COOL WITH YOU, KAWAKI?

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

HOLD IT, YOU TOO NOW?

BORUTO ?

WHOEVER LOSES HAS TO STICK TO THE WINNER'S WAY, ISN'T THAT IT?

IN SHORT ...

...DO THEY THINK THEY'RE DOING?!

WHAT THE HECK...

HMPH.

...

SOUNDS INTEREST-ING. I'M IN.

...

THAT'S MY LINE.

SHUP

YOU BETTER NOT FORGET YOUR OWN WORDS.

SHUP

LISTEN, A PROMISE IS A PROMISE!

NO ARGUING IF YOU LOSE, GOT THAT?

SHUP

I'M SUR-ROUNDED BY IDIOTS!

YEESH!

...

I RECALL...

...THAT YOU GENERALLY WERE THE CAUSE.

SHUP

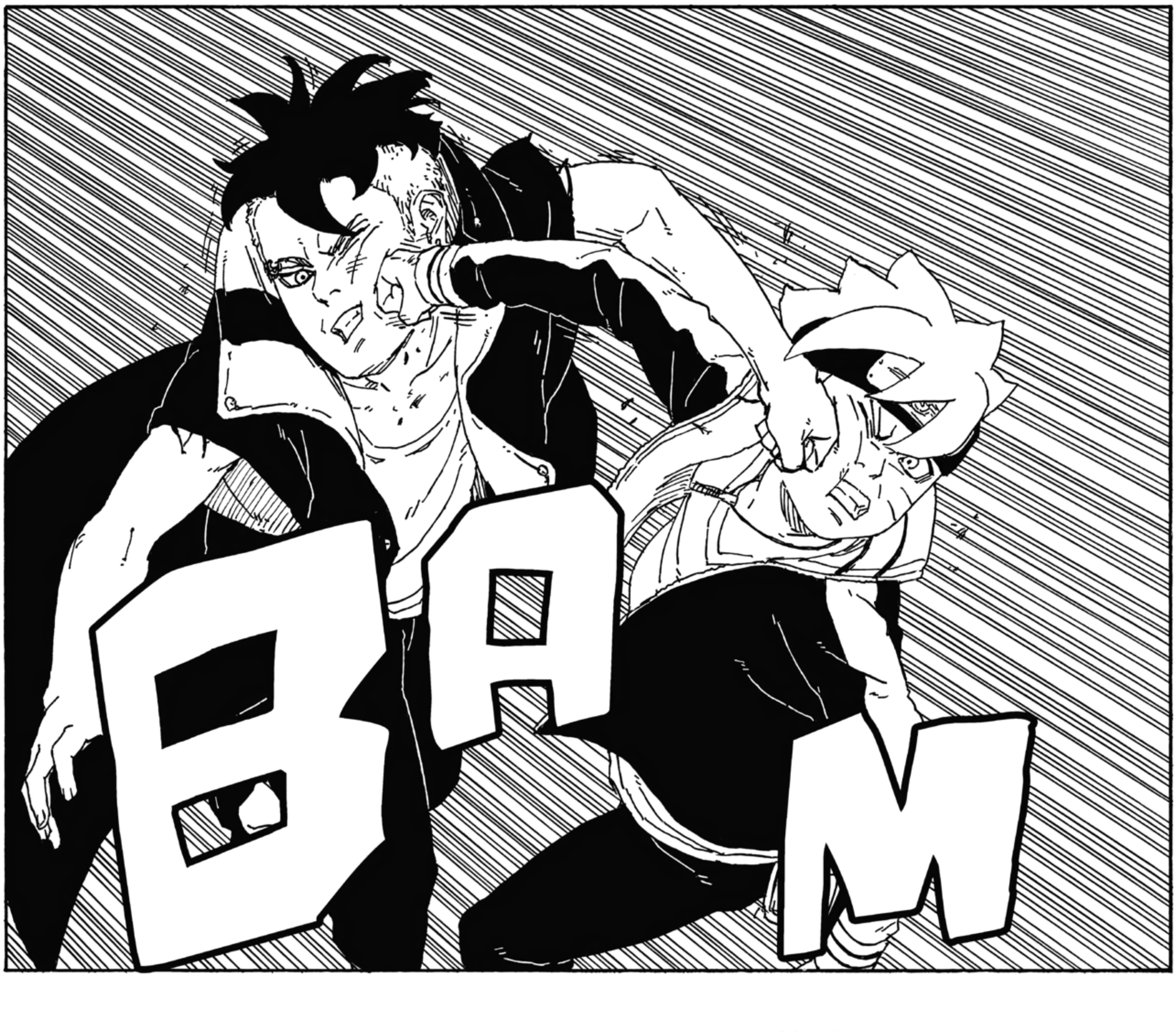
...BACK WHEN WE FIRST MET, REMEMBER?!

WE USED TO FIGHT LIKE THIS EVERY TIME WE SAW EACH OTHER...

SHUP

BRING IT.

HERE I COME.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BORUTO

WHAP

DWOOOO

DAMN KARMA!!

GAH!

FWP. FWP
LIGHTNING STYLE!
THUNDERCLAP ARROW!!
KRAKLE
WHAP
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THDTHD

ARGH !!

NGH ...

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SHUP

DOES THAT MEAN I'M MORE DEPENDENT...

I UNCONSCIOUSLY TRIED TO ABSORB IT...

...ON HAVING KARMA THAN I THOUGHT?

...

THIS TIME, AT LEAST.

SHUP

I WIN.

I HOPE THEY'LL STOP BEING SO RASH NOW.

GAME OVER.

ANY COMPLAINTS?

GAH...

...LET MYSELF EAT DIRT HERE...

I CAN'T...

DAMMIT!

TOTALLY PATHETIC.

HOW AM I SUP-POSED...

...IF I'M IN SUCH A SORRY STATE?!

...TO PROTECT LORD SEVENTH...

...

SHUP

I CAN TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINKING NOW...

...MORE OR LESS...

THERE'S ONE THING THAT'S...

...DEFINITELY CHANGED SINCE WE FIRST MET.

DON'T CARRY IT ALL ON YOURSELF, ALONE.

LEAN ON US MORE.

WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS.

...RIGHT?

EITHER WAY, WE CAN'T LEAVE BAD GUYS FREE TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT...

...THAT ISN'T REALLY YOUR FAULT.

YOU MIGHT BE FEELING RESPONSIBLE FOR...

...KARA TARGETING KONOHA AND DAD, BUT...

YOU'RE LIKE THAT TOO, AREN'T YOU?

THAT'S WHAT SHINOBI DO.

HE'S SOUNDING A LOT LIKE YOU USED TO.

LORD SEVENTH.

WELL, LOOK WHO'S SOUND-ING ALL GROWN-UP.

WHAT-EVER.

FLOP

SIGH...

...A BIT MORE RELIABLE.

YOU KNOW...

BIG LINES LIKE THAT WOULD SOUND BETTER COM-ING FROM SOMEONE...

WELL.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

...

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE JUST SAID THAT. HE *LOST*.

WHAT A BAD ATTITUDE.

FOOL.

I'LL STICK WITH YOU A LITTLE LONGER.

WE'RE THE ONES PUTTING UP WITH ***YOU***!

AND WITH YOUR WAY OF DOING THINGS.

...

...AND MAY YOU GET A LOT, LOT STRONGER!

GO FOR IT, ALL OF YOU...

...

GRP

ALL RIGHT!!

LET'S RESUME TRAINING !!

STARTING NOW!!

...NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!

I SWEAR I'LL GET STRONGER...

Number 59: Knight

WHY YOU?!

WHY...

GWW W

WHY ISN'T IT ME?!!

THE HECK...

...ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

WHAT MAKES YOU SO SPECIAL?

I CAN'T SEE YOU FITTING THE CRITERIA...

THD

UNH!

UGH...

HE'S SO STRONG!

IS HE A MONSTER?

I'M JEALOUS OF YOU, KAWAKI.

AND...

I HATE YOU SO MUCH.

IF YOU WEREN'T A **CHOSEN VESSEL**...

...I'D KILL YOU RIGHT NOW.

AH!

ARE YOU OKAY, KAWAKI?

YOU WERE TOSSING AND TURNING.

HUFF!

IT'S NOTH-ING.

JUST A DREAM.

HUFF

HUFF

...

BUT THIS ONE INVOLVED CODE.

SOME-TIMES.

YOU'RE STILL HAVING...

...NIGHT-MARES OF JIGEN DISCIPLIN-ING YOU?

...

EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT A VESSEL ANYMORE.

HE WAS WHINY AND RESENTFUL, AS USUAL.

YOU'RE STILL OHTSUTSUKI ISSHIKI'S VESSEL, KAWAKI.

AND THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE.

YOUR ASSESS-MENT THERE IS WRONG.

YOU MISUNDER-STAND.

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

...

SHUT UP RIGHT NOW.

YOU BASTARD!

I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT!

...ELIMINATING ANY CHANCE OF HIM POSSESSING YOU.

BUT...

...IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE HIS VESSEL.

ISSHIKI'S SOUL MAY HAVE BEEN EXTINGUISHED...

YOU NEED TO ACCEPT IT.

THAT'S YOUR REALITY.

YOUR BODY REMAINING OHTSUTSUKI-FIED IS PROOF OF THAT.

BAM

TINK

!

ARE YOU DEAF, YOU GEEZER?!

I'M FED UP WITH YOU!

I TOLD YOU TO STUFF IT!

KAWAKI !!!

IF IT WORKS, BORUTO CAN RESURRECT AND BE SAVED...

...AND YOU'LL GET RID OF CODE. TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.

AND THE PLAN TO IMPLANT BORUTO'S KARMA INTO CODE...

IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA IN THEORY...

...WITH ANOTHER KARMA.

PLUS...

SO IT'S HIGHLY QUESTION-ABLE WHETHER YOU'D EVEN BE ABLE TO IMPLANT HIS BODY...

THOUGH IMPERFECT, CODE ALREADY HAS A KARMA.

...

HOW-EVER...

...FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, OF COURSE. HE'LL STRIKE FIRST.

BUT HE WON'T WAIT AROUND...

...START-ING WITH LORD HOKAGE, TO AVENGE ISSHIKI'S DEATH.

AND TRY TO KILL ALL OF YOU...

...EVEN IF YOU SUCCEED...

...BORUTO CANNOT RESURRECT UNTIL EXTRACTION IS COMPLETED AND CODE'S BODY IS FULLY OHTSUTSUKI-FIED.

AS IN, CODE HAS TO BECOME A VESSEL.

YOU JUST NEED MORE POWER TO DEAL WITH CODE.

ENOUGH TO TAKE HIM DOWN.

YOU WANT TO PROTECT LORD HOKAGE, RIGHT?

THEN THAT PLAN'S NO GOOD.

...

DO YOU THINK...

...LORD SEVENTH CAN WIN AGAINST CODE?

...

I'M NOT SURE.

IT'S UN-CLEAR HOW MUCH LESS POWER HE HAS WITH-OUT NINE TAILS'S CHAKRA, BUT...

...I SUSPECT HE'D DIE ONE-ON-ONE VERSUS CODE.

IT CERTAINLY WON'T GO THE WAY IT DID WITH DELTA.

YOU KNOW THAT, DEEP DOWN.

...

LIKE WITH DELTA?

YOU WANT POWER, DON'T YOU...

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN THINKING THAT...

...EVER SINCE YOU LOST THE KARMA?

...KAWAKI?

GET TO THE POINT...

...OLD MAN.

BRAND-NEW POWER...

SO TAKE IT FOR YOURSELF.

ESPE-CIALLY SINCE ISSHIKI'S GONE FOR GOOD.

IN THE FORM OF A KARMA THAT'S PURELY A WEAPON.

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YOU HAVE THE BASE CRITERIA.

...CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN.

AND I...

A KARMA... THAT'S PURELY...

...A WEAPON?

COME ON...

THAT'S EXACTLY IT.

YOU KNOW YOU SUBCON-SCIOUSLY WANT IT.

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!

ARE YOU SUGGESTING...

...I LET YOU IMPLANT ME WITH KARMA AGAIN?

I DO, INDEED. BUT I ALSO KNOW...

...THAT YOU'RE RATIONAL AND WILL USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS...

...JUST LIKE ME.

AND *YOU* OF ALL PEOPLE KNOW...

...HOW MUCH I ABSOLUTELY LOATHE KARMA.

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IT'S ALL UP TO YOU, KAWAKI.

I'M LEAVING.

NO. NO WAY.

THE CHOICE IS IN YOUR HANDS.

JUST REMEM-BER...

SHUP

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KAWAKI...

...

...

POOR KAWAKI.

HE TRULY CARES FOR THE HOKAGE.

CODE...

WON'T YOU CONSIDER LETTING THE HOKAGE OFF THE HOOK?

IT'S TOO PAINFUL FOR ME TO WATCH.

SEEMS HE'S IN DISTRESS OVER HIS OWN HELPLESS-NESS...

...AT BEING UNABLE TO PROTECT THE HOKAGE FROM YOU.

IT'S ABSOLUTELY UNFORGIV-ABLE.

AND NO MATTER THE REASON, THE HOKAGE AND THE OTHERS KILLED THAT GOD.

SORRY, BUT NO.

THEY MUST ALL BE PUNISHED, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

OHTSUTSUKI ISSHIKI IS MY GOD, IN WHOM I STILL HAVE FAITH.

BUT THAT'S WHY I CAN'T BUDGE ON THE HOKAGE.

I'M MAKING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR HIM.

I KNOW.

HOLD ON.

I'LL KILL HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS.

HE'S MY NUMBER ONE TARGET.

OUT OF RESPECT TO YOU.

YOU PROMISED NOT TO KILL KAWAKI.

J-JUST WONDER-ING...

CRAZY FREAKS!

HOW LONG ARE YOU STICKING AROUND?

MAKE SURE KAWAKI DOESN'T FIND OUT THAT I'M INVOLVED.

I DON'T WANT HIM TO HATE ME.

ALL RIGHT. FINE.

WITCH! HOW DARE YOU ORDER ME ABOUT!

HA HA... COMING RIGHT UP.

YOU'RE SO GAUCHE.

STOP SWEATING THE SMALL STUFF. LOOK...

I NEED A REFILL.

...THERE'RE A LOT MORE SOLDIERS HERE, AREN'T THERE?

I KILLED TWO GUARDS...

...AT THE DOOR, AND SIX MORE GETTING TO BUG'S ROOM, BUT...

MIGHT BE A BOTHER IF THEY FIND OUT YOU'RE AWAKE.

NO ONE CAN GET THEIR HANDS ON ME.

IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

WHAT'S THE RUSH?

RIGHT?! Y-YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND GET GOING!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF MATTERS HERE FOR YOU.

...THAT I STILL FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT'S DUE TO YOUR ***ABILITY***.

I'M SO DRAWN TO YOU, IN SUCH A NATURAL WAY...

THAT'S TRUE...

TAKE IT EASY...

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, BUT BOTH THE HOKAGE AND KAWAKI ARE BEING GUARDED AROUND THE CLOCK.

PLUS THE FIVE VILLAGES ARE HUNTING CODE.

YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET ANYTHING DONE BY DAWDLING HERE.

BE THAT AS IT MAY...

HURRY UP AND GET OUTTA HERE!

IF YOU WANT KAWAKI, YOU NEED TO ACT!

WE TAKE OUR TIME.

AN OPPORTUNITY IS BOUND TO PRESENT ITSELF.

MY ***SENRIGAN*** CLAIRVOYANT EYES WILL SPOT IT.

RIGHT.

SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?

BY THE WAY...

DON'T COUNT ON MY COMBAT ABILITY.

I CAN ONLY PERFORM SIMPLE TAIJUTSU.

IT'D BE A BREEZE IF I COULD JUST GET THESE LIMITERS RESCINDED.

YEESH.

OH WELL... I THINK I CAN STILL WIN AGAINST HOKAGE AND UCHIHA IF I FIGHT THEM ONE-ON-ONE.

TO BEGIN WITH, I DON'T LIKE ENGAGING IN BARBARIC ACTS.

I DON'T LIKE PAIN EITHER.

THE TOTAL OPPO-SITE.

FOR REAL?

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE AN AMAZING FIGHTER TOO.

SO DELICATE.

BLUSH

I SEE...

I'LL BE YOUR EYES AND EARS, AND IN RETURN...

...YOU'LL BE MY GUARDIAN KNIGHT.

THAT'S WHY YOU AND I ARE WELL ALIGNED.

SHE'S MAKING YOU SOFT, YOU FOOL!

GET A GRIP, CODE!

AREN'T YOU ASHAMED?

BUT WHAT IF...

...AND HE TRIES TO KILL YOU?

...YOU FIND YOURSELF ALONE WITH KAWAKI...

WORKS FOR ME.

YOUR KNIGHT...

SURE.

THAT'S WHAT'S APPEALING TO YOU, YET...

BUT IT'S NOT IMPOS-SIBLE.

KAWAKI AND BORUTO ARE OTSUTSUKI. YOU CAN'T BEGUILE THEM.

...IT COULD ALSO WORK AGAINST YOU...AND THUS, ME.

...

WHAT A DETESTABLE QUESTION.

SERI-OUSLY?

COME WITH ME, CODE.

I'LL INTRO-DUCE YOU...

I SUPPOSE.

...

I WAS HOPING TO AVOID THIS, BUT...

...TO MY *OTHER* KNIGHT.

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HUH?

YOU WANT POWER, DON'T YOU?

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN THINKING THAT...

...EVER SINCE YOU LOST THE KARMA?

SO, TAKE IT FOR YOURSELF.

BRAND-NEW POWER...

IN THE FORM OF A KARMA THAT'S PURELY A WEAPON.

HEY, KAWA--

I SAID SHADDUP !!!!!

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IGNORE 'EM.

JUST WALK.

BOTH TRUE AND FALSE.

...A LOT OF RUMORS HAVE BEEN FLYING AROUND.

...EVER SINCE ISSHIKI ATTACKED ...

WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE IS BEING KEPT TOP SECRET.

SO CIVVIES SHOULDN'T KNOW ANYTHING, BUT...

...

...

TO MAKE YOU PUT UP WITH ME.

SORRY.

KONOHA'S YOUR HOME, NO MATTER WHAT ANY-ONE SAYS.

I MEAN, LORD SEVENTH HIMSELF HAS DEEMED IT SO.

BUT DON'T YOU MIND THEM.

THANKS.

YEAH.

I BET THEY'RE ALL JUST SCARED.

YOU KEEP HOLDING YOUR HEAD HIGH.

QUIT IT WITH THE GLUM FACE.

...

TK

TK

ABOUT KAWAKI'S KARMA!

WHATEVER DID YOU MEAN?

...ALL ABOUT EARLIER?

UM...

WHAT WAS THAT...

HMM?

...

WEREN'T YOU LISTENING?

TK

TK-TK

IT'S JUST AS I LAID OUT, KAKEI.

...

I SUPPOSE SHIKAMARU PUT YOU UP TO IT.

DID YOU WISH TO BE MY ASSISTANT ...

...IN ORDER TO SPY ON ME?

WHAT I DON'T GET...

...IS YOUR INTENT.

P-PLEASE DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!

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...THE OHTSUTSUKI DATA THAT WAS DOWNLOADED INTO HIS BODY...

...STILL REMAINS. IN SHORT, NOTHING'S TRULY CHANGED.

AS YOU KNOW, KAWAKI'S KARMA WAS DELETED.

HOWEVER, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER...

YOU'RE DOING IT TOO.

HMPH.

BUT FINE...

ISSHIKI'S SOUL WAS THE HOME-OWNER, BUT...

...WITH THE DOOR GONE, HE COULD NO LONGER ENTER THE HOUSE.

HERE... LET'S LIKEN KAWAKI-AS-A-VESSEL TO A HOUSE.

THE KARMA WOULD BE THE HOUSE'S DOOR.

EVEN THOUGH IT HAS NO DOOR...

...THE HOUSE ITSELF STILL EXISTS.

DO YOU SEE IT NOW?

MEANWHILE, ISSHIKI'S LIFE SPAN RUNS OUT AND HIS SOUL IS EXTIN-GUISHED.

...

YOU MEAN YOU CAN ***RECON-STRUCT***...

...KAWAKI'S KARMA?

I'M NOT ABLE TO SET SUCH A THING UP FROM SCRATCH...

THAT'S ALL.

...BUT RE-OPENING THE DOOR? THAT MUCH I CAN DO.

AND INSIDE THAT HOUSE...

...ISSHIKI'S POWER CONTINUES TO SLEEP.

...

OH, WOW.

HF

THAT'S AN APT WAY TO PUT IT.

SO HE OUGHT TO PURSUE IT.

ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THE IMPEND-ING THREAT.

AND SINCE ISSHIKI IS NO MORE, THERE'S NO DOWNSIDE...

...TO KAWAKI HAVING A KARMA AGAIN.

...CODE FAILED TO BECOME A VESSEL, SO IT MERELY LENDS HIM STRENGTH.

...A GREAT ASSET TO A WARRIOR.

IT'S A POWER-FUL WEAPON ...

JUST LIKE WITH KAWAKI...

...ISSHIKI IMPLANTED CODE'S KARMA, BUT...

...REALLY ALL OF IT?

IS THAT...

...

THERE ARE NO OTHER REASONS...

...YOU WANT TO RESTORE KAWAKI'S KARMA?

ANOTHER CYBORG THAT BORO STASHED HERE?

WHAT SORT?

WELL...

THE ONLY ONE, OTHER THAN AN OHTSU-TSUKI...

...WHO IS CAPABLE OF KILLING ME.

DO IT.

NOW.

HUH?

ARE YOU SURE?

UH...

ANY-THING BUT HIM...

NOT HIM.

!

BUG.

...

PSHHHH

BIP BIP

DAMMIT!

DNK

...

WHEEN

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GLANCE

GLANCE

...!

HE'S DONE IT AGAIN.

...

IT'S EMPTY...

?

GLOM

HEYYYYY !!!

WHEN'D HE...?!

WHO'RE YOU?!

DON'T, CODE.

I WOULDN'T ATTACK HIM.

GCHNG

YOU SIS'S NEW MAN?!

TWCH

THIS ONE'S A NICE RIDE!!

HEY, SIS!!!

I'LL SLAUGHTER YOU IF YOU MAKE HER CRY!!

YOU...! YOU BETTER BE SERIOUS!

ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS FOR HER!!

NO JUMP-ING ON STRANGERS, REMEM-BER?

HOP OFF, DAEMON.

...!

!!

NO WAY...

WHAT ?!!

AWW, REALLY?

HE'S JUST A FRIEND.

COME ON, HE'S CLEARLY NOT MY TYPE.

HEY, THERE HE IS!

THIS WAY!

THEM THE ONES WHO KILLED THE GUARDS?!

HEY, BUG! WHAT'RE ***YOU*** DOING HERE?!

YO... THOSE ARE LORD BORO'S CYBORGS!

FOOLS!

DON'T COME HERE!

WHAT...?

IS BUG A HOSTAGE OR SOMETHING?

YOU'RE GONNA GET KILLED!!

GET OUT OF HERE, ALL OF YOU!!

WATCH CLOSELY.

NO NEED TO STEP IN, CODE.

THIS IS PERFECT.

YEESH, WE'VE BEEN FOUND OUT.

OH WELL, HERE GOES.

OUR ORDERS ARE TO DISPOSE OF 'EM IF THEY EMERGE WITHOUT CAUSE.

SO LET'S...

THE BASTARD IN THE BLACK CAPE'S AN INTRUDER.

WHAT OF THE CYBORGS?

KLIK

...JUST GET RID OF 'EM TOO!

BLAM

WHAT THE?!

?!

!

BASTARD !!

PSHH

WAAH!!

WAAH!!

W-WHAT THE HECK?!

TEE HEE!

WSH

STUUU-PID!

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UGH!!

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YOU
BR--

SWISH

A FOE SIMPLY PICTURING THE KILLING SCENE WILL CAUSE THE END RESULT TO BE INSTANTLY REFLECTED UPON HIM OR HER.

SO YOU BE CAREFUL TOO, CODE.

THE STRONGER THE INTENT TO KILL, THE MORE POWERFUL THE REACTION.

IS HE...

TUP

TUP

...FORMI-
DABLE
KID.

...

WHAT
A...

...HIS
OPPO-
NENT'S
ATTACKS?

...
REFLECT-
ING...

ALLOW ME TO INTRO-DUCE...

...MY OTHER KNIGHT...

...AND *ACTUAL* LITTLE BROTHER ...

WHEE!!

NOT

...DAEMON.

...MORE MOTIVATED BY SOME-THING...

...THAT HE WAS OKAY. YET YOU SEEMED...

...YOU APPEARED PRO-FOUNDLY RELIEVED ...

...THAT SOME-THING WAS OFF WHEN THEY ALL RETURNED FROM FIGHTING ISSHIKI.

I FIRST FELT...

...

...MERE CONCERN OVER HIS WELFARE.

...OTHER THAN...

YOU IMME-DIATELY CHECKED ON KAWAKI'S WELL-BEING, AND...

YOU'RE REALLY SMART OR REALLY STUPID.

WHICH IS IT?

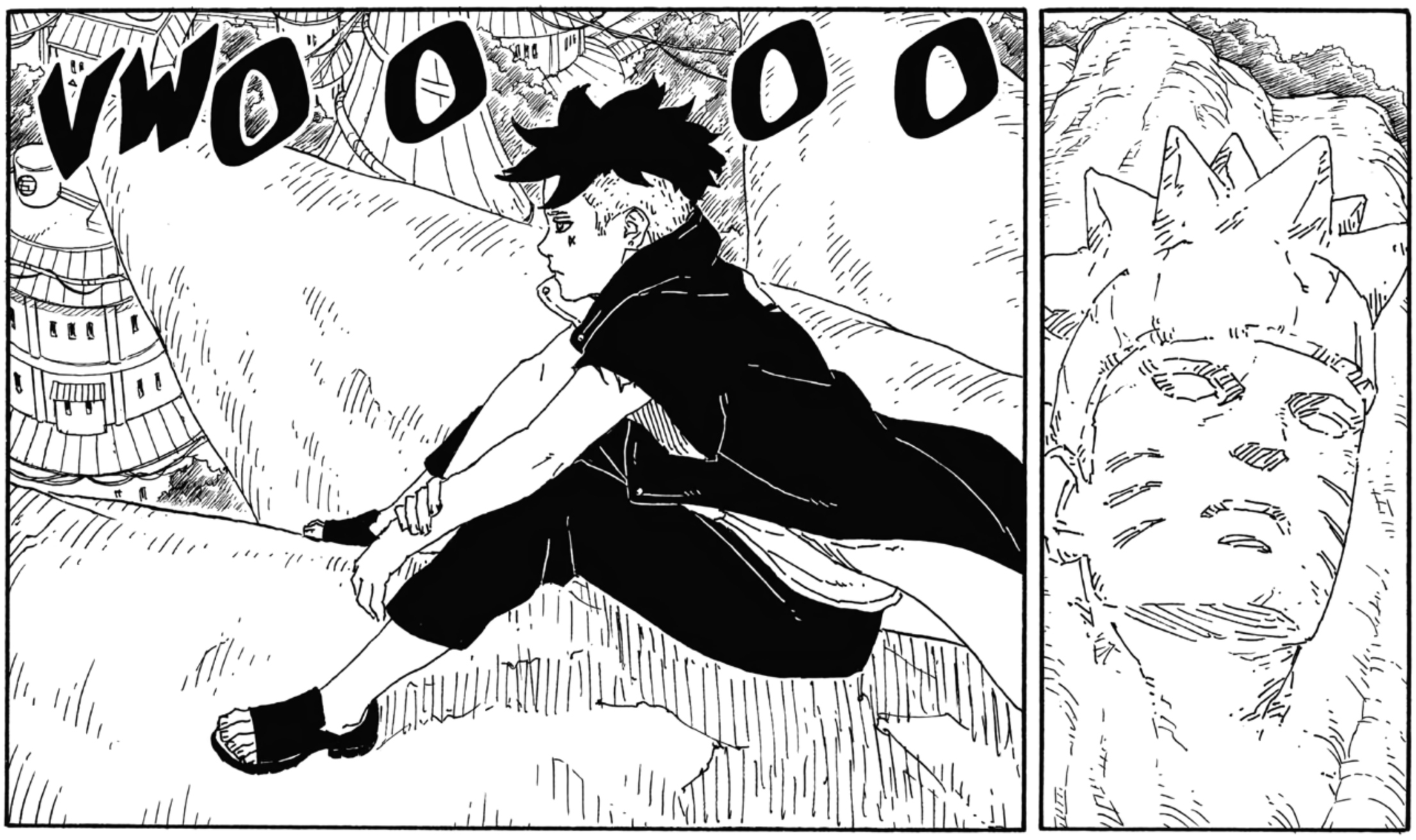
THE TRUTH IS THAT I WISHED TO BE YOUR ASSISTANT OF MY OWN WILL.

IF YOU'D STAYED SILENT, YOU MIGHT'VE DRAWN OUT MORE INTEL.

DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND STRATEGY?

PLUS...

I'M VERY WORRIED ABOUT KAWAKI AND BORUTO.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DOES THAT MEAN...
...YOU ARE PLOTTING SOMETHING?

SO... YOU'RE JUST STUPID.